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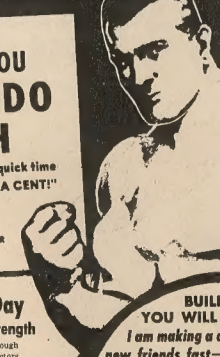

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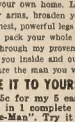

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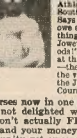

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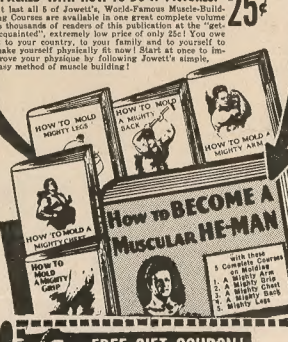
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PLASTIC MAN
I'M PLASTIC MAN'S CHIEF! I MEAN, I WAS HIS CHIEF... BECAUSE I DISCHARGED HIM FROM THE F.B.I.!
AND I'M WOOZY WINKS! I USED TO BE A SORT OF STOOGE AND ERRAND BOY FOR PLAS--- UNTIL HE LOST HIS JOB AND I HIRED HIM FOR MY STOOGE AND ERRAND BOY!
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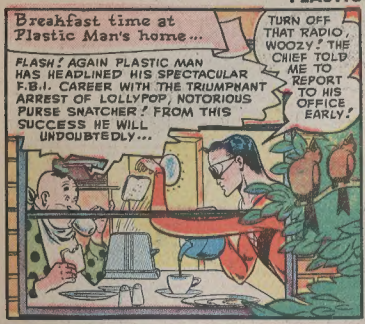
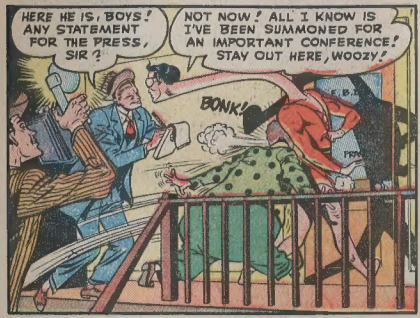
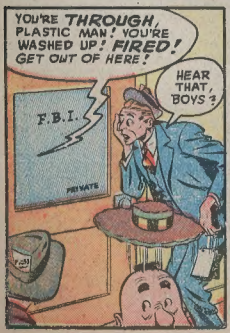

Breakfast time at Plastic Man's home...
FLASH! AGAIN PLASTIC MAN HAS HEADLINED HIS SPECTACULAR F.B.I. CAREER WITH THE TRIUMPHANT ARREST OF LOLLYPOP, NOTORIOUS PURSE SNATCHER! FROM THIS SUCCESS HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY...
TURN OFF THAT RADIO, WOOZY! THE CHIEF TOLD ME TO REPORT TO HIS OFFICE EARLY!

YES, THAT'S PLASTIC MAN! JUST HOW SUPREME CAN YOU BE?
WILL YOU GIMME YOUR AUTOGRAPH FOR MY HERO ALBUM, MR. PLASTIC MAN!
LIVE

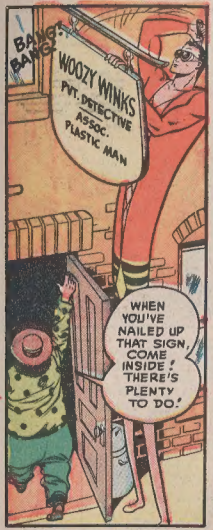

HERE HE IS, BOYS! ANY STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS, SIR?
NOT NOW! ALL I KNOW IS I'VE BEEN SUMMONED FOR AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE! STAY OUT HERE, WOOZY!
BONK!
F.B.I.

REPORTING AS DIRECTED, CHIEF!
WHAT I HAVE TO SAY CONCERNS YOU, PLAS! LISTEN CAREFULLY, AND DO EXACTLY AS I SAY...


YOU'RE THROUGH, PLASTIC MAN! YOU'RE WASHED UP! FIRED! GET OUT OF HERE!
HEAR THAT, BOYS?
F.B.I.
PRIVATE

LEMME GET TO A 'PHONE! MY EDITOR WILL OKAY AN EXTRA ON THIS!
YOU HEARD, WOOZY? I'M OUT IN THE COLD ... WITHOUT A JOB ... NO MONEY OR PROSPECTS!

I SUPPOSE THIS MEANS SEPARATION FOR US, WOOZY! GOOD-BYE!
GUESS AGAIN, PLAS! I'VE SAVED SOME DOUGH... I'LL HIRE YOU!



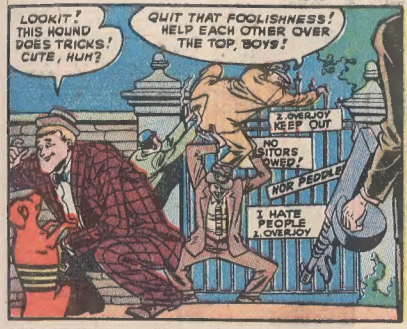
The news is given to the world... it interests everyone, shocks many... and pleases a few!

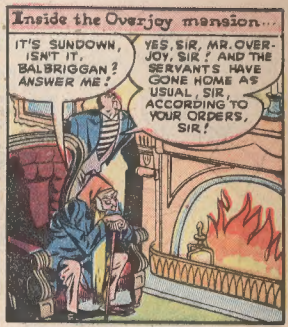
BREEZE IS RIGHT THE F.B.I.'S BEST OPERATIVE WAS PLASTIC MAN! BEFORE THEY REPLACE HIM, I'M GOING TO PULL THE JOB I'VE LONG HOPED TO BRING OFF.
THE ZEKE OVERJOY KIDNAPPING! IT'LL BE A LULU IF IT CLICKS!

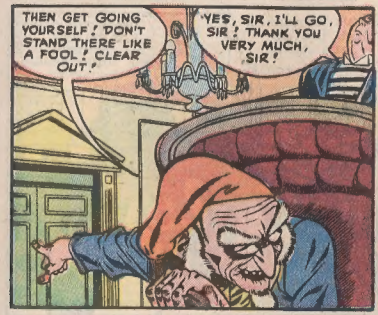
BUT I HEAR TELL THAT PLASTIC MAN AND HIS PAL, WOOZY WINKS, HAVE OPENED THEIR OWN PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY!
WE'LL MAKE SURE THEY WON'T BUTT IN! YOU AND BREEZE DREAM UP A CASE AND HIRE THEM ON IT... THAT WILL KEEP THEM BUSY!

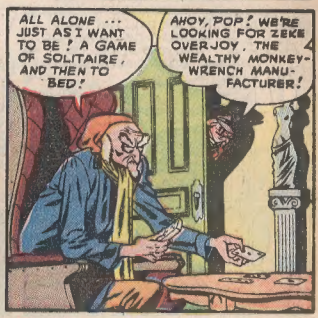
YES, TWITCHY! THREE CARLOADS OF OUR BEST BOMB AND BULLET BOYS! MEET ME AT THE OVERJOY ESTATE!
C'MON, BREEZE! ALREADY I'VE BROKEN OUT WITH A SCHEME THAT'S PURE GENIUS!

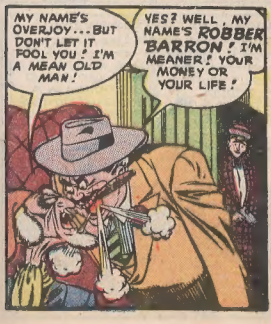
I WANT YOU SHOULD SHADOW ME GIRL FRIEND BREEZE! I GOT A HUNCH SHE'S TWO-TIMIN' ME WITH ANOTHER FELLA! THERE SHE PASSES RIGHT NOW!
AHEM! YOU LUCKY MAN! I, THE HUMAN BLOODHOUND, WOOZY WINKS, WILL ATTEND TO THIS CASE IN PERSON!
FINISH CLEANING UP AND THEN STAY HERE TO ANSWER THE 'PHONE, FLAS!
YES, SIR!
IT'S ALL SET, BOSS! BREEZE WILL RUN WOOZY WINKS BOW-LEGGED FOLLOWING HER... AND PLASTIC MAN'S STUCK IN THE OFFICE!
NOT BAD FOR ONE OF YOUR TALENTS! COME ON, WE'RE GOING TO CALL ON THE WEALTHY ZEKE OVERJOY!
WHEW! HOW THAT DAME STRIDES ALONG... SHE MUST HAVE BEEN A LADY INFANTRYMAN ONCE!
IF SHE'S GOING TO MEET ANOTHER BOY FRIEND, HE MUST BE HERDING MOUNTAIN GOATS!
But let's not knock ourselves out helping Woozy chase Breeze... let's watch the rallying of Robber Barron's Boys....
NOBODY FOLLOWED US EXCEPT THAT FUNNY-LOOKING MUTT WE SAW IN TOWN!
GOOD! THE OVERJOY ESTATE IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! FOLLOW ME!

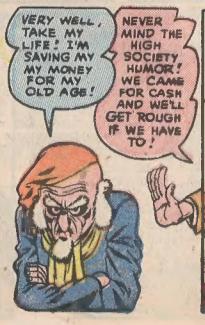

LOOKIT! THIS HOUND DOES TRICKS! CUTE, HUH?
QUIT THAT FOOLISHNESS! HELP EACH OTHER OVER THE TOP, BOYS!
I. OVERJOY KEEP OUT
NO SITORS OWED!
NOR PEOPLE!
I. HATE PEOPLE I. OVERJOY


Inside the Overjoy mansion...
IT'S SUNDOWN, ISN'T IT, BALBRIGGAN? ANSWER ME!
YES, SIR, MR. OVERJOY, SIR! AND THE SERVANTS HAVE GONE HOME AS USUAL, SIR, ACCORDING TO YOUR ORDERS, SIR!

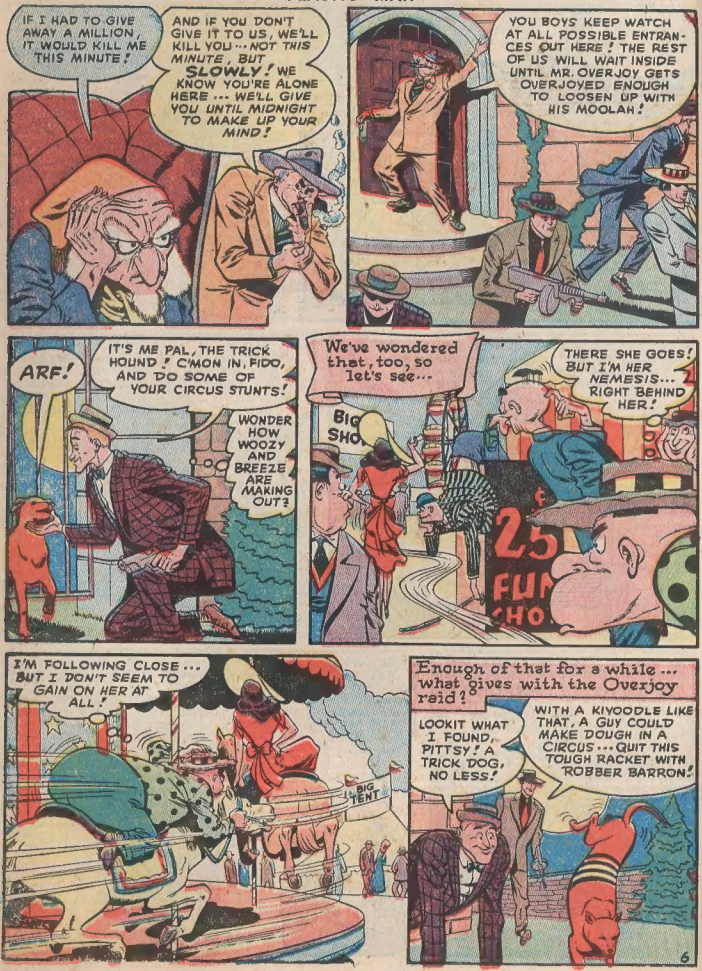

THEN GET GOING YOURSELF! DON'T STAND THERE LIKE A FOOL! CLEAR OUT!
YES, SIR, I'LL GO, SIR! THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR!

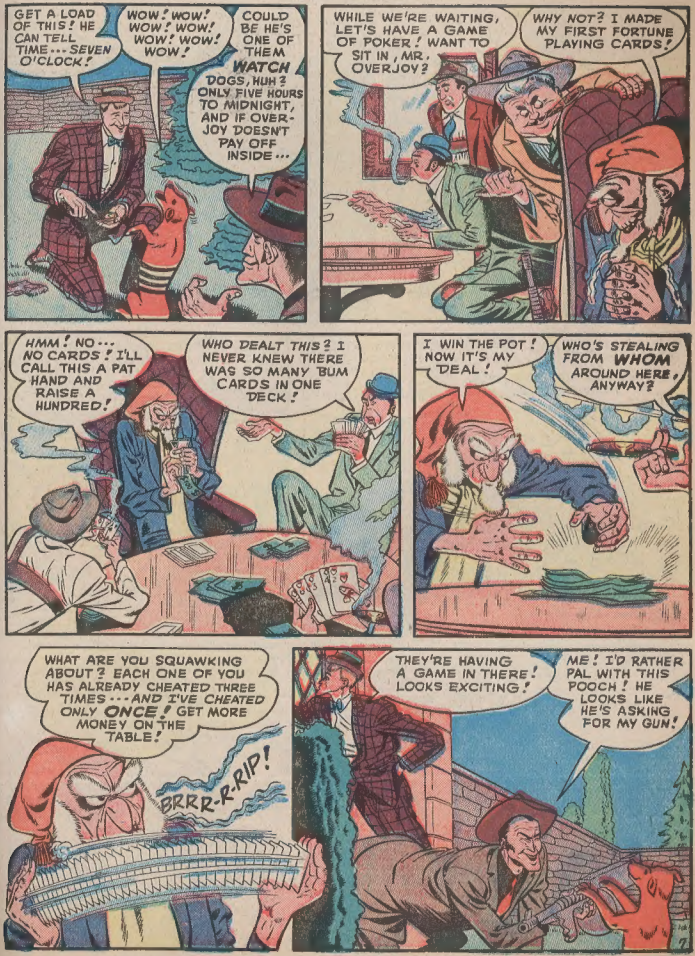

ALL ALONE ... JUST AS I WANT TO BE! A GAME OF SOLITAIRE, AND THEN TO BED!
AHOY, POP! WE'RE LOOKING FOR ZEKE OVERJOY, THE WEALTHY MONKEY-WRENCH MANUFACTURER!


MY NAME'S OVERJOY ... BUT DON'T LET IT FOOL YOU! I'M A MEAN OLD MAN!
YES? WELL, MY NAME'S ROBBER BARRON! I'M MEANER! YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE!


VERY WELL, TAKE MY LIFE! I'M SAVING MY MY MONEY FOR MY OLD AGE!
NEVER MIND THE HIGH SOCIETY HUMOR! WE CAME FOR CASH AND WE'LL GET ROUGH IF WE HAVE TO!

I HAVEN'T ANY MONEY IN THE HOUSE! AND ALL MY PARTNERS HATE ME ... THEY WOULDN'T PAY ANY RANSOM!
BUT YOU'VE GOT A CHECK BOOK! WRITE US A CHECK FOR A MILLION, OR ELSE!


IF I HAD TO GIVE AWAY A MILLION, IT WOULD KILL ME THIS MINUTE!
AND IF YOU DON'T GIVE IT TO US, WE'LL KILL YOU -- NOT THIS MINUTE, BUT SLOWLY! WE KNOW YOU'RE ALONE HERE ... WE'LL GIVE YOU UNTIL MIDNIGHT TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND!
YOU BOYS KEEP WATCH AT ALL POSSIBLE ENTRANCES OUT HERE! THE REST OF US WILL WAIT INSIDE UNTIL MR. OVERJOY GETS OVERJOYED ENOUGH TO LOOSEN UP WITH HIS MOOLAH!
ARF!
IT'S ME PAL, THE TRICK HOUND! C'MON IN, FIDO, AND DO SOME OF YOUR CIRCUS STUNTS!
WONDER HOW WOOZY AND BREEZE ARE MAKING OUT?
We've wondered that, too, so let's see...
THERE SHE GOES! BUT I'M HER NEMESIS... RIGHT BEHIND HER!
I'M FOLLOWING CLOSE ... BUT I DON'T SEEM TO GAIN ON HER AT ALL!
BIG TENT
Enough of that for a while ... what gives with the Overjoy raid?
LOOKIT WHAT I FOUND, PITTSY! A TRICK DOG, NO LESS!
WITH A KIYOODLE LIKE THAT, A GUY COULD MAKE DOUGH IN A CIRCUS ... QUIT THIS TOUGH RACKET WITH ROBBER BARRON!


GET A LOAD OF THIS! HE CAN TELL TIME... SEVEN O'CLOCK!
WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW!
COULD BE HE'S ONE OF THEM WATCH DOGS, HUH? ONLY FIVE HOURS TO MIDNIGHT, AND IF OVER-JOY DOESN'T PAY OFF INSIDE...
WHILE WE'RE WAITING, LET'S HAVE A GAME OF POKER! WANT TO SIT IN, MR. OVERJOY?
WHY NOT? I MADE MY FIRST FORTUNE PLAYING CARDS!
HMM! NO... NO CARDS! I'LL CALL THIS A PAT HAND AND RAISE A HUNDRED!
WHO DEALT THIS? I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS SO MANY BUM CARDS IN ONE DECK!
I WIN THE POT! NOW IT'S MY DEAL!
WHO'S STEALING FROM WHOM AROUND HERE, ANYWAY?
WHAT ARE YOU SQUAWKING ABOUT? EACH ONE OF YOU HAS ALREADY CHEATED THREE TIMES... AND I'VE CHEATED ONLY ONCE! GET MORE MONEY ON THE TABLE!
BRRR-R-RIP!
THEY'RE HAVING A GAME IN THERE! LOOKS EXCITING!
ME! I'D RATHER PAL WITH THIS POOCH! HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S ASKING FOR MY GUN!

GIVE A LOOK! HE HOLDS IT LIKE A REAL HUMAN GUY!
THAT HE DOES··· YOU'D ALMOST EXPECT HIM TO···
···SHOOT IT!
TAKE THE AIR, YOU LUGS!
RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT!
IT'S PLASTIC MAN! BUT HE CAN'T BOTHER US! HE'S BEEN FIRED!
I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT WHO FIRED HIM···· I'M WORRIED HE'LL DO SOME FIRING HIMSELF!
QUICK! HIDE IN HERE!
NOT BAD, BOYS! THAT WATER WILL COOL YOU OFF A LITTLE··· THE COOLER WILL DO THE REST!
DIDN'T I HEAR SOME SORT OF SHOOTING?
THAT WAS THE EXPLOSION OF YOUR SELF-ESTEEM AS A CARD PLAYER, NO DOUBT!
I'M FRESH OUT OF MONEY, SO I'M SENDING ALONG A MARKER! WHAT'S YOUR SYSTEM, OVERJOY?
MAYBE IT'S JUST BEGINNER'S LUCK! COME ON, YOU SISSIES, PLAY POKER!
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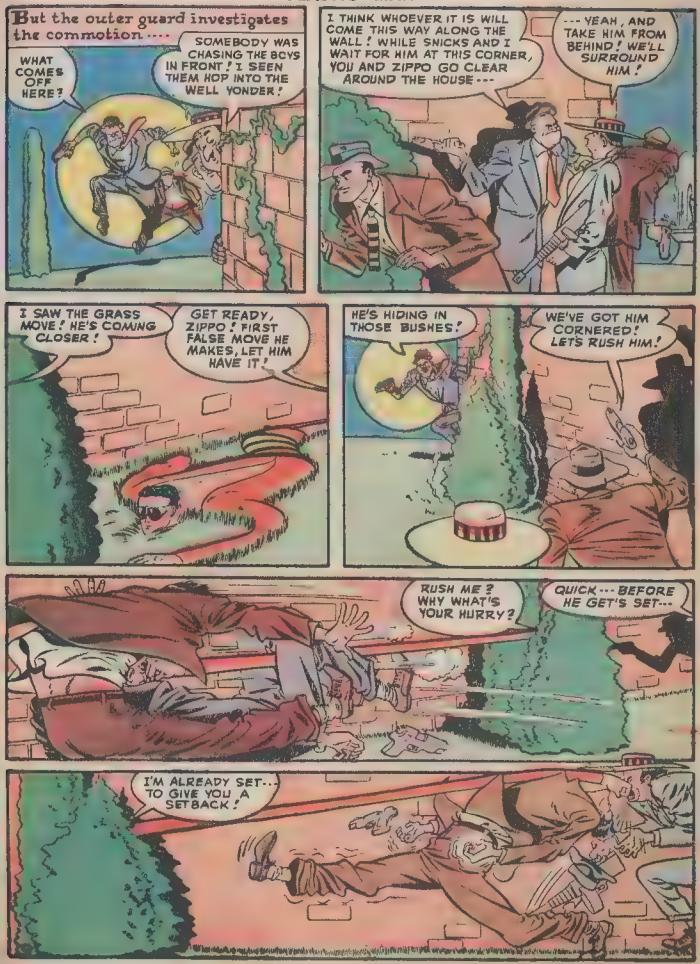
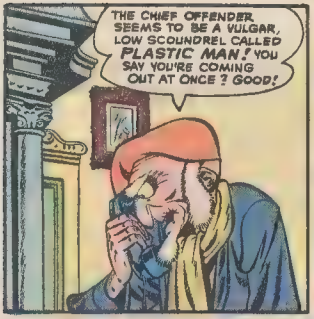
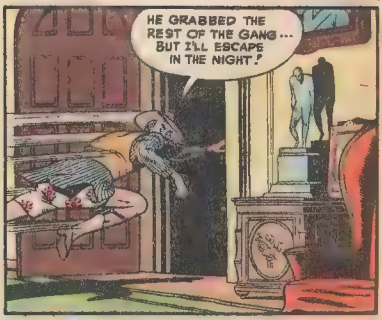
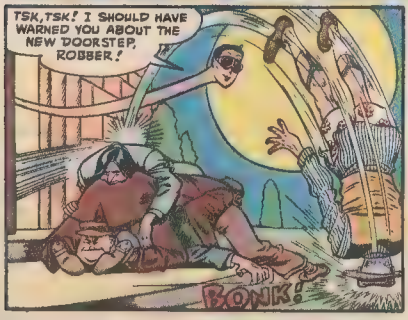
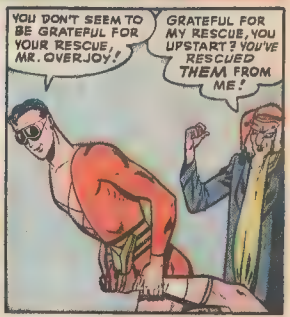

But the outer guard investigates the commotion....
WHAT COMES OFF HERE?
SOMEBODY WAS CHASING THE BOYS IN FRONT! I SEEN THEM HOP INTO THE WELL YONDER!
I THINK WHOEVER IT IS WILL COME THIS WAY ALONG THE WALL! WHILE SNICKS AND I WAIT FOR HIM AT THIS CORNER, YOU AND ZIPPO GO CLEAR AROUND THE HOUSE---
--- YEAH, AND TAKE HIM FROM BEHIND! WE'LL SURROUND HIM!
I SAW THE GRASS MOVE! HE'S COMING CLOSER!
GET READY, ZIPPO! FIRST FALSE MOVE HE MAKES, LET HIM HAVE IT!
HE'S HIDING IN THOSE BUSHES!
WE'VE GOT HIM CORNERED! LETS RUSH HIM!
RUSH ME? WHY WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?
QUICK--- BEFORE HE GET'S SET---
I'M ALREADY SET--- TO GIVE YOU A SETBACK!

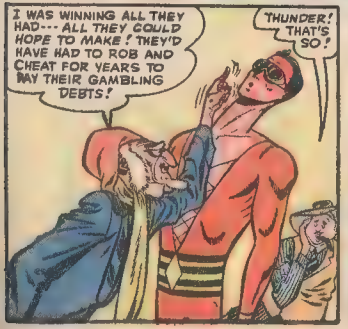
THE BUNCH INSIDE LOOKS COMFORTABLE, BUT I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO INTRUDE!
OUT OF CASH, GENTLEMEN? WELL, I'LL PLAY FOR YOUR JEWELRY-- YOUR CLOTHES--- THAT LOOKS LIKE AN EXPENSIVE SUIT, ROBBER!
OKAY, LET'S SHOOT OUR LAST RESOURCES! THIS TIME WE'LL BREAK HIS WINNING STREAK!
I SEE THAT LAST RAISE, GENTLEMEN, AND RAISE IN TURN TO THE SUM OF--
HEY! LOOK WHO'S COMING IN!
WHAT'S THIS INTRUSION? CAN'T A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN SIT DOWN TO A QUIET GAME WITH HIS DEAREST FRIENDS WITHOUT BEING INTERRUPTED?
PLASTIC MAN! OPEN FIRE, BOYS!
I PROTEST! I DEMAND POLICE PROTECTION!
TOO BAD, GENTS! YOUR BULLETS ONLY TRAVEL IN STRAIGHT LINES, BUT I CAN MAKE CURVES AND CRUMPLES!
HELLO! GIVE ME THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE F.B.I. I WANT TO REPORT AN OUTRAGE!
HEAD FOR THE OPEN BOYS!
HALT, ALL OF YOU!
YES, THIS IS MR. ZEKE OVERJOY! GIVE ME THE CHIEF! THERE'S A RIOT GOING ON AT MY PLACE-- A MOST UNSEEMLY HURLY-BURLY!


THE CHIEF OFFENDER SEEMS TO BE A VULGAR, LOW SCOUNDREL CALLED PLASTIC MAN! YOU SAY YOU'RE COMING OUT AT ONCE? GOOD!

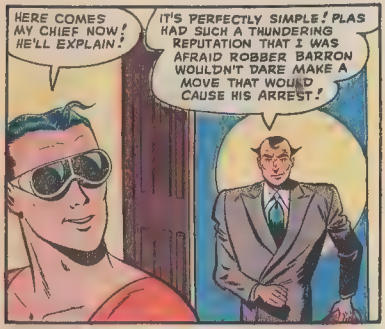

HE GRABBED THE REST OF THE GANG... BUT I'LL ESCAPE IN THE NIGHT!

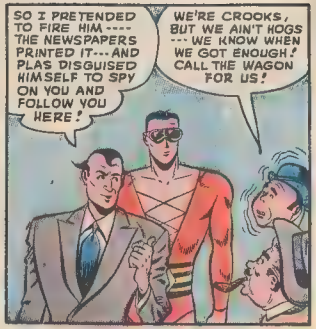

TSK, TSK! I SHOULD HAVE WARNED YOU ABOUT THE NEW DOORSTEP, ROBBER!
BONK!

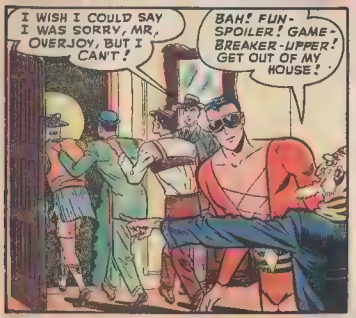

YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR RESCUE, MR. OVERJOY!
GRATEFUL FOR MY RESCUE, YOU UPSTART? YOU'VE RESCUED THEM FROM ME!

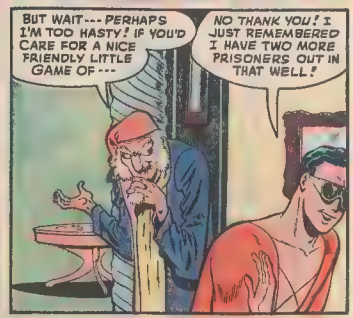

I WAS WINNING ALL THEY HAD--- ALL THEY COULD HOPE TO MAKE! THEY'D HAVE HAD TO ROB AND CHEAT FOR YEARS TO PAY THEIR GAMBLING DEBTS!
THUNDER! THAT'S SO!

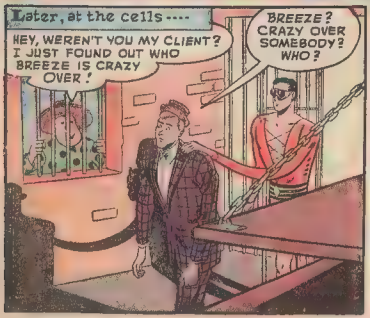
WE'LL GO TO JAIL--- THEN HE CAN'T COLLECT! YOU'RE NOT WITH THE F.B.I. ANY MORE, PLASTIC MAN! TAKE US TO SOMEBODY WHO CAN LEGALLY ARREST US!
YOU MEAN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T WITH THE F.B.I. ANY MORE!

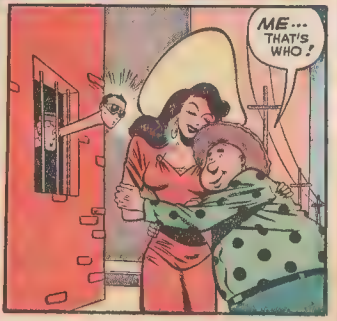

HERE COMES MY CHIEF NOW! HE'LL EXPLAIN!
IT'S PERFECTLY SIMPLE! PLAS HAD SUCH A THUNDERING REPUTATION THAT I WAS AFRAID ROBBER BARRON WOULDN'T DARE MAKE A MOVE THAT WOULD CAUSE HIS ARREST!


SO I PRETENDED TO FIRE HIM---- THE NEWSPAPERS PRINTED IT--- AND PLAS DISGUISED HIMSELF TO SPY ON YOU AND FOLLOW YOU HERE!
WE'RE CROOKS, BUT WE AIN'T HOGS --- WE KNOW WHEN WE GOT ENOUGH! CALL THE WAGON FOR US!


I WISH I COULD SAY I WAS SORRY, MR, OVERJOY, BUT I CAN'T!
BAH! FUN-SPOILER! GAME-BREAKER-UPPER! GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!


BUT WAIT--- PERHAPS I'M TOO HASTY! IF YOU'D CARE FOR A NICE FRIENDLY LITTLE GAME OF---
NO THANK YOU! I JUST REMEMBERED I HAVE TWO MORE PRISONERS OUT IN THAT WELL!


Later, at the cells----
HEY, WEREN'T YOU MY CLIENT? I JUST FOUND OUT WHO BREEZE IS CRAZY OVER!
BREEZE? CRAZY OVER SOMEBODY? WHO?

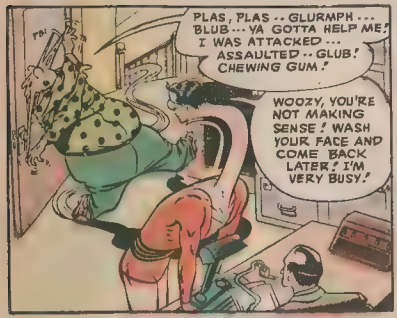

ME--- THAT'S WHO!

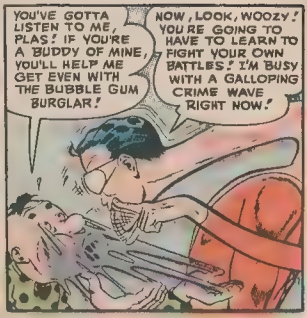
PLASTIC MAN

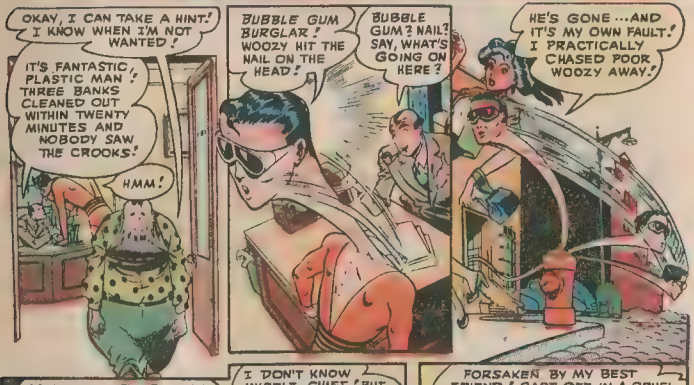
BUBBLE GUM! It was purely a pastime, until one day a bursting bubble popped a pip of a plan into the pate of a pixilated pundit and...
POW!
...things really popped for PLASTIC MAN!

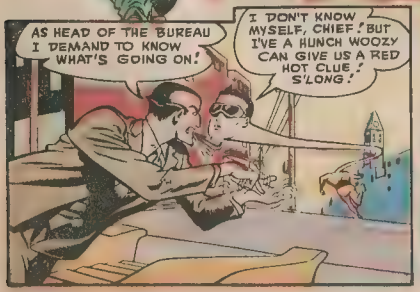
THINK! THINK! THINK··· YOU MUTTON-BRAINED NUMBSKULLS! ISN'T THERE A BRAIN BETWEEN YOU?
ME 'N' BUBBLES BEEN PALS FER YEARS! NUTTIN' EVER COMES BETWEEN US!
OUR FUTURE AT STAKE AND YOU MAKE JOKES, EH? PERHAPS THIS WAY I CAN IMPRESS UPON YOU THE FACT THAT WE'VE REACHED A CRISIS!
I'M SICK OF ROBBING BANKS THE CONVENTIONAL WAY! I, PROFESSOR MIGRAINE, WISH TO ROB SCIENTIFICALLY, BEAUTIFULLY, LOGICALLY!
GEE, WE WUZ DOIN' FINE WIT' DA OLD-FASHIONED UGLY WAY!
SCIENTIFIC AND BEAUTIFUL, HUH? HOW ABOUT ROMAN CANDLES LOADED WIT NITRO? DAT'S BEAUTIFUL, AIN'T IT? OR PRINTING OUR OWN MOOLA INSTEAD OF ROBBIN' IT? DAT'S SCIENTIFIC!
NO, MY FRIENDS! THIS IS SCIENTIFIC! I PRICK YOUR IDIOTIC BUBBLE THUSLY, CAUSING THE AIR PRESSURE TO EQUALIZE EVENLY··· SO!
GAWRK!
POW
N'GYAH·· BLUB··· UB···
EUREKA! YOUR REVOLTING HABIT HAS SOLVED OUR PROBLEMS!
BUBBLE GUM! THE PERFECT MEDIUM! I SHALL PERFECT IT FURTHER··· BUT MINE WILL BE BLACKER, STICKIER! MINE SHALL COAGULATE, GELATINIZE, EMULSIFY AND CURDLE!

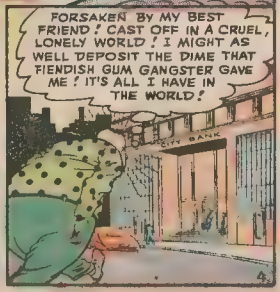
A little later..
I MUST FIND A SUBJECT FOR MY FIRST EXPERIMENT! A CHILD WOULD BE TOO ALERT AND WARY!. WHAT I NEED IS A MORON WITH A LOWER MENTALITY THAN AN APE ... OR, BETTER STILL, NO MENTALITY AT ALL!
SHE LOVES ME NOT SHE LOVES ME NOT .. SHE LOVES ME NOT... AHH! SHE LOVES ME! :GULP: B-BUT WHO IS SHE?
PERFECT!
LOVELY WEATHER, EH? WOULD YOU CARE FOR SOME GUM, MY FRIEND?
ORDINARY, COMMON CHEWING GUM? UGH! HOW VULGAR!
NOT AT ALL, MY FRIEND! THIS IS BUBBLE GUM!
BUBBLE GUM! OH, HAPPY DAY! GIMME.. GIMME. GIMME..
CHOMP CHOMP. :SLURP: DROOL! AHHH! GLURGLE.. :GLUB:
AH, SUCH PERFECTION! WHAT FORM! WHAT EXQUISITE TECHNIQUE!
LOOK! NO HANDS!..
CORRECT, MY FRIEND! NO HANDS -- NO BRAIN -- AND SHORTLY, NO NOTHING!
UNGH.. GN'YAH.. MWWUMPH!
BE PATIENT WHILE I EXTRACT FROM YOUR PERSON A SOUVENIR OF MY FIRST VENTURE!
MWUMPH! :GLUG: UB!
FISH HOOKS, MARBLES, BOTTLE-CAPS.. BAH! I'LL LEAVE A DIME WITH YOU! YOU NEED IT MORE THAN I DO!


PLAS, PLAS -- GLURMPH ---
BLUB --- YA GOTTA HELP ME! I WAS ATTACKED --- ASSAULTED -- GLUB! CHEWING GUM!
WOOZY, YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE! WASH YOUR FACE AND COME BACK LATER, I'M VERY BUSY!

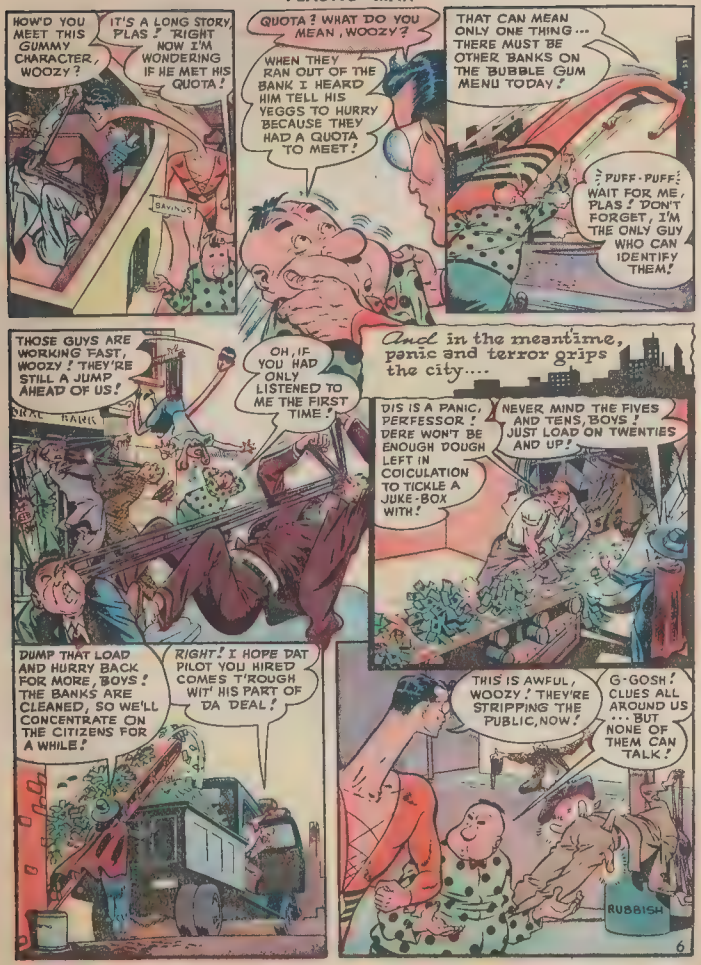

YOU'VE GOTTA LISTEN TO ME, PLAS! IF YOU'RE A BUDDY OF MINE, YOU'LL HELP ME GET EVEN WITH THE BUBBLE GUM BURGLAR!
NOW, LOOK, WOOZY! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN TO FIGHT YOUR OWN BATTLES! I'M BUSY WITH A GALLOPING CRIME WAVE RIGHT NOW!

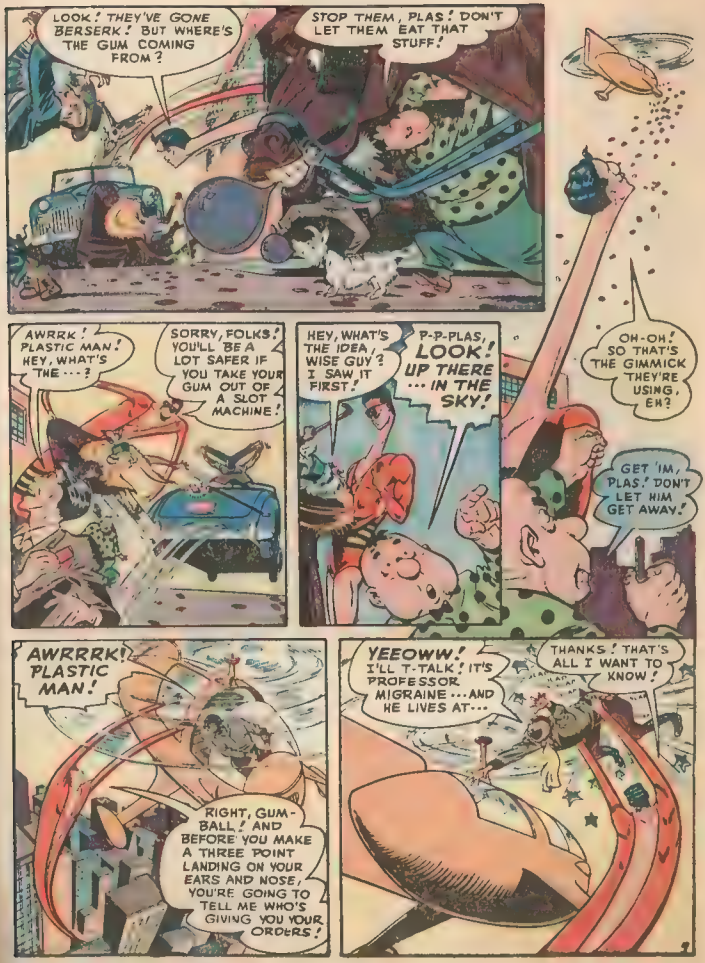

OKAY, I CAN TAKE A HINT! I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED!
IT'S FANTASTIC, PLASTIC MAN! THREE BANKS CLEANED OUT WITHIN TWENTY MINUTES AND NOBODY SAW THE CROOKS!
HMM!
BUBBLE GUM BURGLAR! WOOZY HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD!
BUBBLE GUM? NAIL? SAY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
HE'S GONE ... AND IT'S MY OWN FAULT! I PRACTICALLY CHASED POOR WOOZY AWAY!

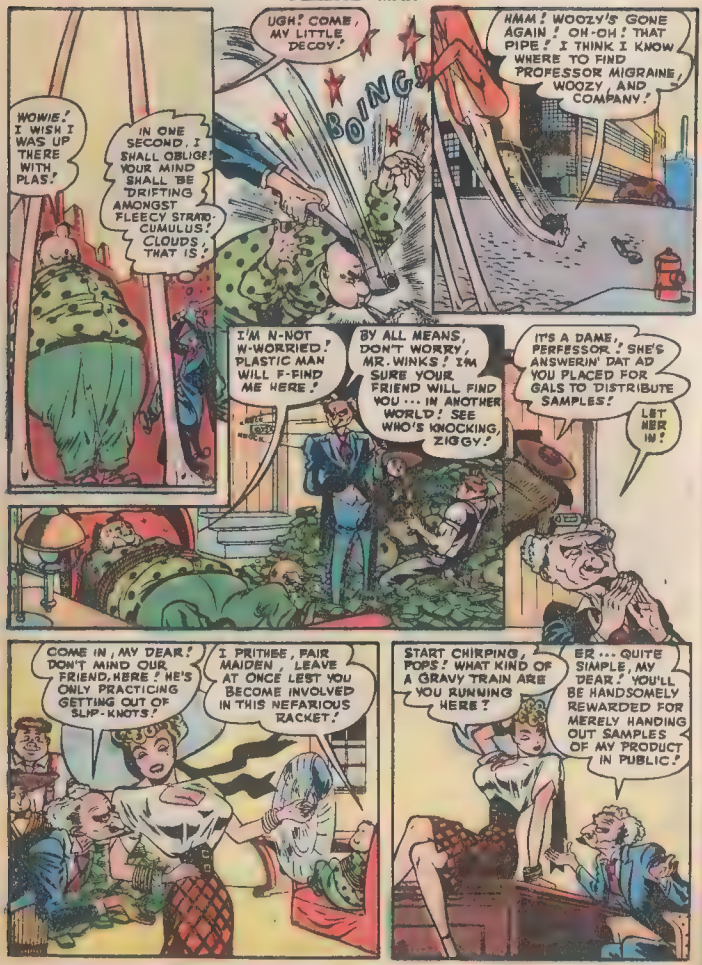

AS HEAD OF THE BUREAU I DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON!
I DON'T KNOW MYSELF, CHIEF! BUT I'VE A HUNCH WOOZY CAN GIVE US A RED HOT CLUE! S'LONG!

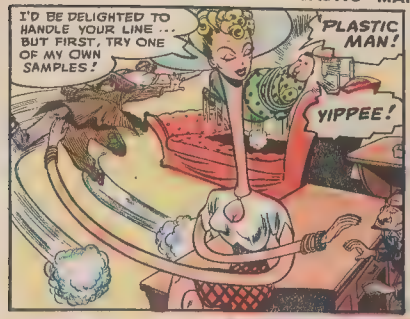

FORSAKEN BY MY BEST FRIEND! CAST OFF IN A CRUEL, LONELY WORLD! I MIGHT AS WELL DEPOSIT THE DIME THAT FIENDISH GUM GANGSTER GAVE ME! IT'S ALL I HAVE IN THE WORLD!
CITY BANK

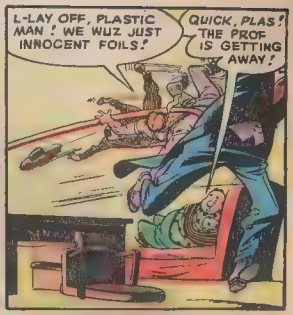
WE'RE INTRODUCING A NEW PRODUCT, SIR! WON'T YOU ACCEPT A SAMPLE?
A FREE SAMPLE? CERTAINLY, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
HMM! IT LOOKS LIKE BUBBLE GUM... BUBBLE GUM!
HEY, YOU! WAIT A MIN... ULP!
SORRY! NO REFUNDS!
HURRY, MEN! WE HAVE A QUOTA TO FILL!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! I'LL TELL PLAS---- GAWRRK!
QUICK, WOOZY! WHO ARE THEY? WHERE'D THEY GO?
NOW YOU ASK QUESTIONS! WELL, ALL I KNOW IS, THAT WAS THE GUY WHO GAVE ME A BUBBLE GUM MICKEY!
PETRIFIED POLECATS! WHAT A TECHNIQUE! NO WONDER NOBODY'S BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY THOSE MANIACS! THEY REALLY GUMMED THINGS UP!
WELL, I CAN IDENTIFY ONE OF THEM... BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME!

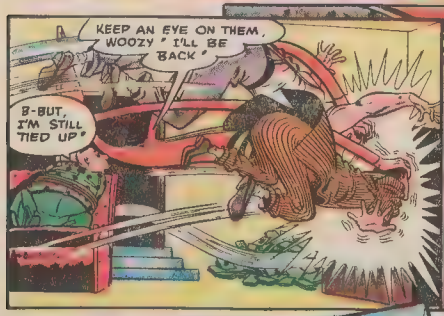

HOW'D YOU MEET THIS GUMMY CHARACTER, WOOZY?
IT'S A LONG STORY PLAS! RIGHT NOW I'M WONDERING IF HE MET HIS QUOTA!
SAVINGS
QUOTA? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WOOZY?
WHEN THEY RAN OUT OF THE BANK I HEARD HIM TELL HIS YEGGS TO HURRY BECAUSE THEY HAD A QUOTA TO MEET!
THAT CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING... THERE MUST BE OTHER BANKS ON THE BUBBLE GUM MENU TODAY!
PUFF-PUFF! WAIT FOR ME, PLAS! DON'T FORGET, I'M THE ONLY GUY WHO CAN IDENTIFY THEM!
THOSE GUYS ARE WORKING FAST, WOOZY! THEY'RE STILL A JUMP AHEAD OF US!
OH, IF YOU HAD ONLY LISTENED TO ME THE FIRST TIME!
And in the meantime, panic and terror grips the city....
DIS IS A PANIC, PERFESSOR! DERE WON'T BE ENOUGH DOUGH LEFT IN COICULATION TO TICKLE A JUKE-BOX WITH!
NEVER MIND THE FIVES AND TENS, BOYS! JUST LOAD ON TWENTIES AND UP!
DUMP THAT LOAD AND HURRY BACK FOR MORE, BOYS! THE BANKS ARE CLEANED, SO WE'LL CONCENTRATE ON THE CITIZENS FOR A WHILE!
RIGHT! I HOPE DAT PILOT YOU HIRED COMES T'ROUGH WIT' HIS PART OF 'DA DEAL!
THIS IS AWFUL, WOOZY! THEY'RE STRIPPING THE PUBLIC, NOW!
G-GOSH! CLUES ALL AROUND US ... BUT NONE OF THEM CAN TALK!
RUBBISH

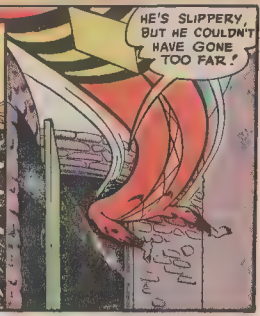

LOOK! THEY'VE GONE BERSERK! BUT WHERE'S THE GUM COMING FROM?
STOP THEM, PLAS! DON'T LET THEM EAT THAT STUFF!
AWRRK! PLASTIC MAN! HEY, WHAT'S THE ···?
SORRY, FOLKS! YOU'LL BE A LOT SAFER IF YOU TAKE YOUR GUM OUT OF A SLOT MACHINE!
HEY, WHAT'S THE IDEA, WISE GUY? I SAW IT FIRST!
P-P-PLAS, LOOK! UP THERE ··· IN THE SKY!
OH-OH! SO THAT'S THE GIMMICK THEY'RE USING, EH?
GET 'IM, PLAS! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
AWRRRK! PLASTIC MAN!
RIGHT, GUM-BALL! AND BEFORE YOU MAKE A THREE POINT LANDING ON YOUR EARS AND NOSE, YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME WHO'S GIVING YOU YOUR ORDERS!
YEEOWW! I'LL T-TALK! IT'S PROFESSOR MIGRAINE ···AND HE LIVES AT···
THANKS! THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW!

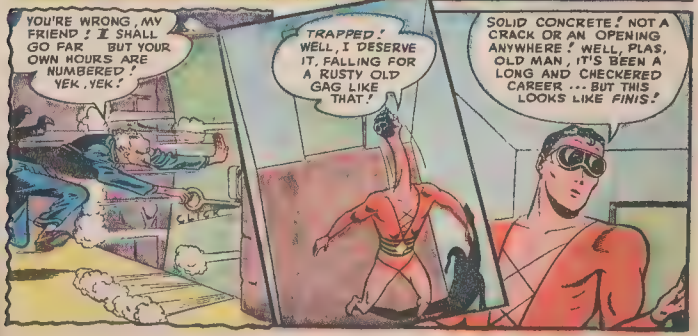

UGH! COME, MY LITTLE DECOY!
BOING
HMM! WOOZY'S GONE AGAIN! OH-OH! THAT PIPE! I THINK I KNOW WHERE TO FIND PROFESSOR MIGRAINE, WOOZY, AND COMPANY!
WOWIE! I WISH I WAS UP THERE WITH PLAS!
IN ONE SECOND, I SHALL OBLIGE! YOUR MIND SHALL BE DRIFTING AMONGST FLEECY STRATO-CUMULUS! CLOUDS, THAT IS!
I'M N-NOT W-WORRIED! PLASTIC MAN WILL F-FIND ME HERE!
BY ALL MEANS, DON'T WORRY, MR. WINKS! I'M SURE YOUR FRIEND WILL FIND YOU ... IN ANOTHER WORLD! SEE WHO'S KNOCKING, ZIGGY!
IT'S A DAME, PERFESSOR! SHE'S ANSWERIN' DAT AD YOU PLACED FOR GALS TO DISTRIBUTE SAMPLES!
LET HER IN!
COME IN, MY DEAR! DON'T MIND OUR FRIEND, HERE! HE'S ONLY PRACTICING GETTING OUT OF SLIP-KNOTS!
I PRITHEE, FAIR MAIDEN, LEAVE AT ONCE LEST YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS NEFARIOUS RACKET!
START CHIRPING, POPS! WHAT KIND OF A GRAVY TRAIN ARE YOU RUNNING HERE?
ER ... QUITE SIMPLE, MY DEAR! YOU'LL BE HANDSOMELY REWARDED FOR MERELY HANDING OUT SAMPLES OF MY PRODUCT IN PUBLIC!


I'D BE DELIGHTED TO HANDLE YOUR LINE ... BUT FIRST, TRY ONE OF MY OWN SAMPLES!
PLASTIC MAN!
YIPPEE!


L-LAY OFF, PLASTIC MAN! WE WUZ JUST INNOCENT FOILS!
QUICK, PLAS! THE PROF IS GETTING AWAY!

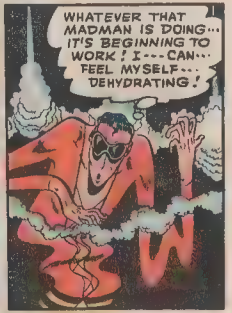

KEEP AN EYE ON THEM, WOOZY! I'LL BE BACK!
B-BUT, I'M STILL TIED UP!


HE'S SLIPPERY, BUT HE COULDN'T HAVE GONE TOO FAR!


YOU'RE WRONG, MY FRIEND! I SHALL GO FAR BUT YOUR OWN HOURS ARE NUMBERED! YEK, YEK!
CLICK
TRAPPED! WELL, I DESERVE IT. FALLING FOR A RUSTY OLD GAG LIKE THAT!
SOLID CONCRETE! NOT A CRACK OR AN OPENING ANYWHERE! WELL, PLAS, OLD MAN, IT'S BEEN A LONG AND CHECKERED CAREER ... BUT THIS LOOKS LIKE FINIS!

YEK, YEK! I'LL RELEASE THE LOT OF YOU, JUST TO OBSERVE THE FESTIVITIES WHICH ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN!
P-PLAS! IS TH--THAT YOU IN THE PROFESSOR'S CLOTHING! IF IT IS, IT'S A G-GRUESOME G-GAG!
OBSERVE CLOSELY! MY EXPERIMENTS WITH MATTER AND SUBSTANCE ARE ABOUT TO BE TRIED ON A HUMAN BEING ... PLASTIC MAN!
WH--WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, YOU FIEND?

FIRST WE REDUCE PLASTIC MAN TO HIS BASIC CHEMICAL ELEMENTS, THUSLY! THEN, BY MY SECRET PROCESS, THAT SUBSTANCE SHALL BECOME THE VERY STUFF OF WHICH OUR NEW BUBBLE-GUM IS MADE!
OHHH... NO!


WHATEVER THAT MADMAN IS DOING... IT'S BEGINNING TO WORK! I--- CAN... FEEL MYSELF... DEHYDRATING!
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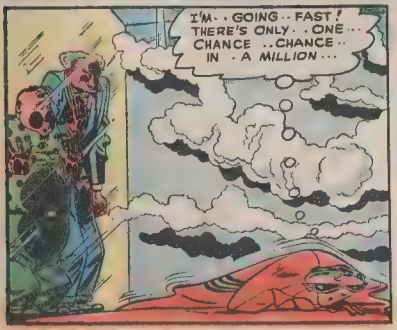
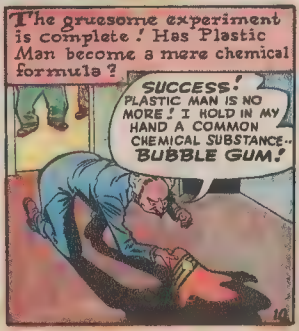

I'M.. GOING.. FAST! THERE'S ONLY.. ONE... CHANCE .. CHANCE.. IN . A MILLION...


The gruesome experiment is complete! Has Plastic Man become a mere chemical formula?
SUCCESS! PLASTIC MAN IS NO MORE! I HOLD IN MY HAND A COMMON CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE.. BUBBLE GUM!
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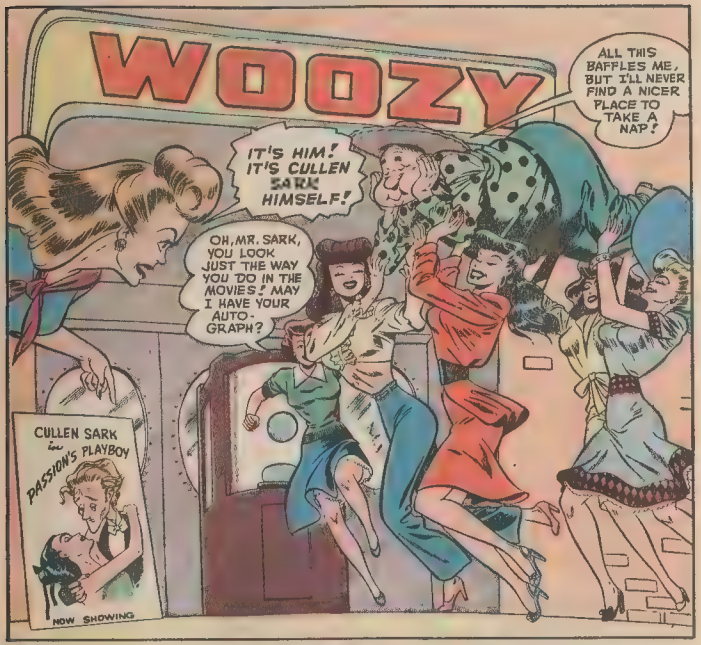
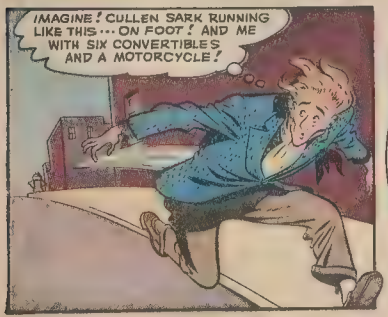
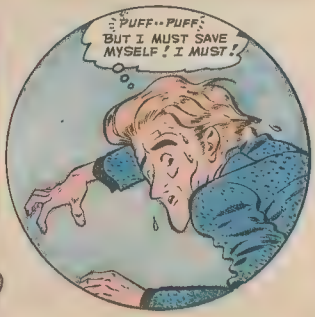
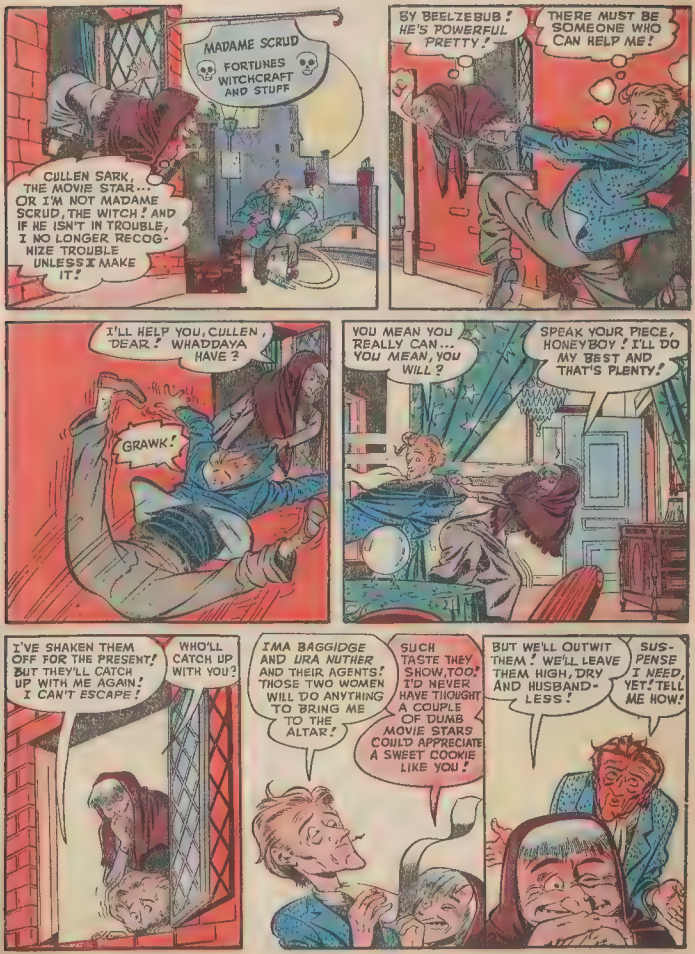
I ADD INSULT TO IGNOMINIOUS DEFEAT BY CHEWING A BIT OF WHAT WAS ONCE THE WORLD FAMOUS PLASTIC MAN!
ULP!
GASP!
OHHH, HORRORS!
WATCH!
UGH! POOR PLAS! WHAT AN UNDIGNIFIED END TO A BRILLIANT CAREER!
S-STOP! IT'S ··· IT'S ···
N--NO, IT CAN'T B--BE!
BUT IT IS! IT'S PLASTIC MAN! YEEOWIE!
WELL, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT FROM PLASTIC BUBBLE GUM ··· CHIMES?
GIVE IT TO 'EM, PLAS! I'M GONNA GUM UP THE PROFESSOR!
GET YOUR HEADS TOGETHER AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GUM UP THAT LIFE STRETCH YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO DO!
GEE, PLAS, I'M GOOD··· BUT YOU'RE TERRIFIC!
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING, WOOZY?
I'VE STILL GOT THE DIME THE PROFESSOR GAVE ME··· I'M GONNA BUY TEN CENTS WORTH OF REAL, HONEST-TO-GOODNESS BUBBLE GUM!


WOOZY
ALL THIS BAFFLES ME, BUT I'LL NEVER FIND A NICER PLACE TO TAKE A NAP!
IT'S HIM! IT'S CULLEN SARK HIMSELF!
OH, MR. SARK, YOU LOOK JUST THE WAY YOU DO IN THE MOVIES! MAY I HAVE YOUR AUTO-GRAPH?
CULLEN SARK in PASSION'S PLAYBOY
NOW SHOWING


IMAGINE! CULLEN SARK RUNNING LIKE THIS ··· ON FOOT! AND ME WITH SIX CONVERTIBLES AND A MOTORCYCLE!


PUFF··PUFF
BUT I MUST SAVE MYSELF! I MUST!


MADAME SCRUD
FORTUNES WITCHCRAFT AND STUFF
CULLEN SARK, THE MOVIE STAR... OR I'M NOT MADAME SCRUD, THE WITCH! AND IF HE ISN'T IN TROUBLE, I NO LONGER RECOGNIZE TROUBLE UNLESS I MAKE IT!
BY BEELZEBUB! HE'S POWERFUL PRETTY!
THERE MUST BE SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP ME!
I'LL HELP YOU, CULLEN, DEAR! WHADDAYA HAVE?
GRAWK!
YOU MEAN YOU REALLY CAN... YOU MEAN, YOU WILL?
SPEAK YOUR PIECE, HONEYBOY! I'LL DO MY BEST AND THAT'S PLENTY!
I'VE SHAKEN THEM OFF FOR THE PRESENT! BUT THEY'LL CATCH UP WITH ME AGAIN! I CAN'T ESCAPE!
WHO'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU?
IMA BAGGIDGE AND URA NUTHER AND THEIR AGENTS! THOSE TWO WOMEN WILL DO ANYTHING TO BRING ME TO THE ALTAR!
SUCH TASTE THEY SHOW, TOO! I'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT A COUPLE OF DUMB MOVIE STARS COULD APPRECIATE A SWEET COOKIE LIKE YOU!
BUT WE'LL OUTWIT THEM! WE'LL LEAVE THEM HIGH, DRY AND HUSBANDLESS!
SUSPENSE I NEED, YET TELL ME HOW!

I'LL FIX IT SO NEITHER OF THEM WILL WANT YOU! IN SHORT, I'LL MAKE YOU REPULSIVE!
WHAT? CAN ANYBODY DO THAT TO CULLEN SARK?
DON'T DO THAT, GORGEOUS! YOU ALMOST MAKE ME DOUBT MY PROWESS! BUT MADAME SCRUD HAS NEVER FAILED BEFORE! ACTUALLY, YOU'LL REMAIN AS YOU ARE, BUT TO THE HUMAN EYE YOU'LL LOOK DOWNRIGHT UGLY!
BUT HOW WILL YOU DO IT?
IT'S SIMPLE! ALL I NEED IS SOMEBODY WHO IS MORE OR LESS LOATHSOME TO BEHOLD... AND HERE HE COMES!
EGAD! HE IS ODD LOOKING FOR A HUMAN BEING, ISN'T HE?
NOW TO TAKE A SPECK OF BLOOD FROM THE VICINITY OF HIS GPUBIUS ALLEGORUS!
Drink Bi Burga Cola
MOSQUITOES AT THIS TIME OF DAY! TSK, TSK! THE CREATURES MUST BE SLEEPING NIGHTS!
NOW TO PUT THE DROP INTO YOUR TENIBUS LUCORENDA AND TAKE A SPECK FROM YOUR FALTRUS TOSTRUM! THERE!
OUCH! THAT CAN HURT, YOU KNOW!
MEMBER
WITCHES
LOCAL
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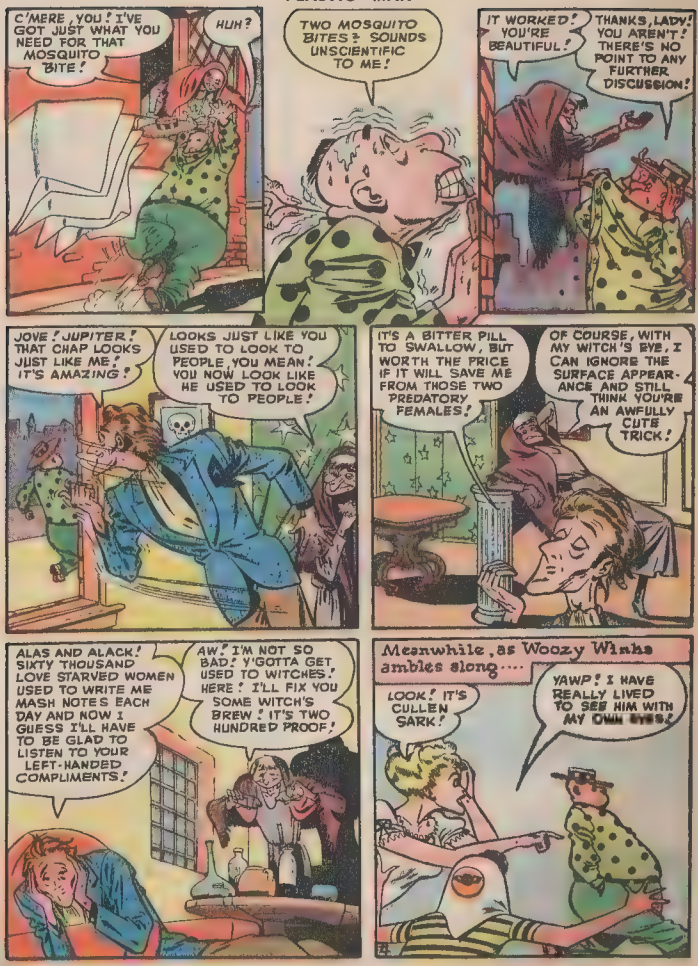
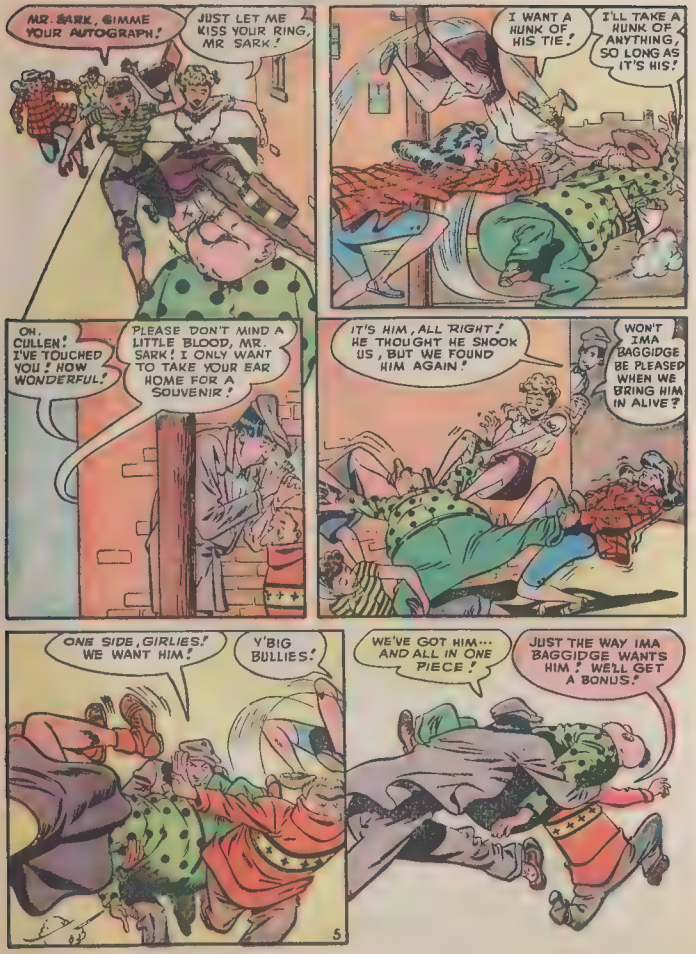
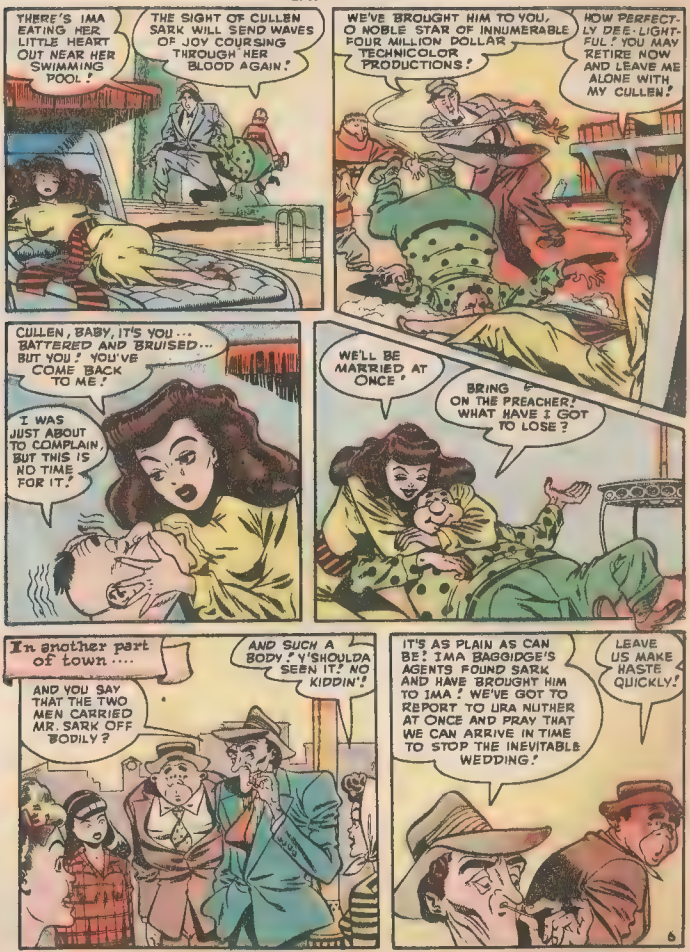
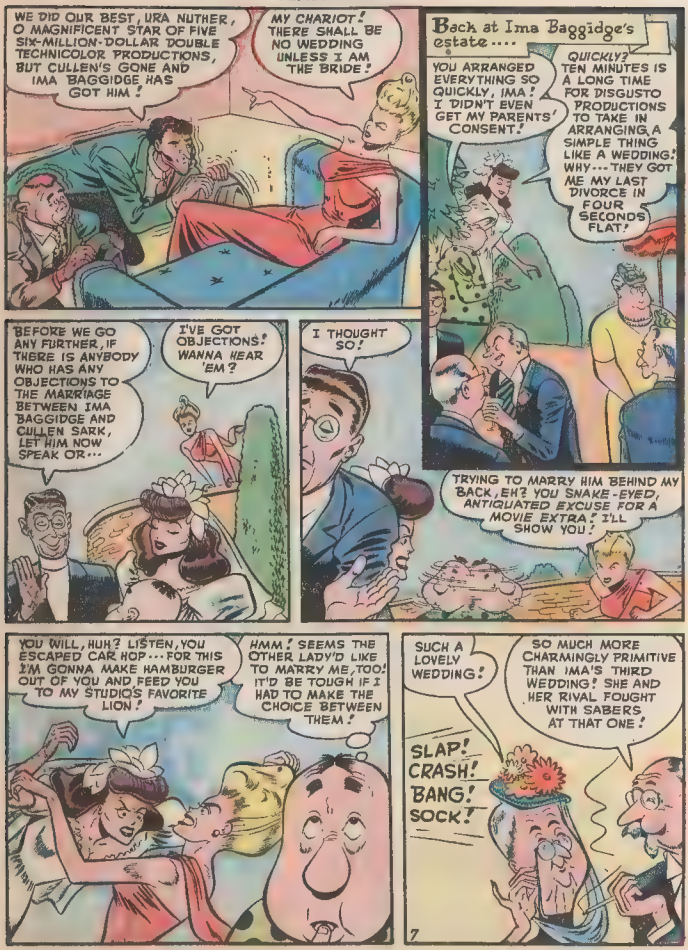

C'MERE, YOU! I'VE GOT JUST WHAT YOU NEED FOR THAT MOSQUITO BITE!
HUH?
TWO MOSQUITO BITES? SOUNDS UNSCIENTIFIC TO ME!
IT WORKED! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!
THANKS, LADY! YOU AREN'T! THERE'S NO POINT TO ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION!
JOVE! JUPITER! THAT CHAP LOOKS JUST LIKE ME! IT'S AMAZING!
LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU USED TO LOOK TO PEOPLE, YOU MEAN! YOU NOW LOOK LIKE HE USED TO LOOK TO PEOPLE!
IT'S A BITTER PILL TO SWALLOW, BUT WORTH THE PRICE IF IT WILL SAVE ME FROM THOSE TWO PREDATORY FEMALES!
OF COURSE, WITH MY WITCH'S EYE, I CAN IGNORE THE SURFACE APPEARANCE AND STILL THINK YOU'RE AN AWFULLY CUTE TRICK!
ALAS AND ALACK! SIXTY THOUSAND LOVE STARVED WOMEN USED TO WRITE ME MASH NOTES EACH DAY AND NOW I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO BE GLAD TO LISTEN TO YOUR LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENTS!
AW! I'M NOT SO BAD! Y'GOTTA GET USED TO WITCHES! HERE! I'LL FIX YOU SOME WITCH'S BREW! IT'S TWO HUNDRED PROOF!
Meanwhile, as Woozy Winks ambles along....
LOOK! IT'S CULLEN SARK!
YAWP! I HAVE REALLY LIVED TO SEE HIM WITH MY OWN EYES!


MR. SARK, GIMME YOUR AUTOGRAPH!
JUST LET ME KISS YOUR RING, MR SARK!
I WANT A HUNK OF HIS TIE!
I'LL TAKE A HUNK OF ANYTHING, SO LONG AS IT'S HIS!
OH, CULLEN! I'VE TOUCHED YOU! HOW WONDERFUL!
PLEASE DON'T MIND A LITTLE BLOOD, MR. SARK! I ONLY WANT TO TAKE YOUR EAR HOME FOR A SOUVENIR!
IT'S HIM, ALL RIGHT! HE THOUGHT HE SHOOK US, BUT WE FOUND HIM AGAIN!
WON'T IMA BAGGIDGE BE PLEASED WHEN WE BRING HIM IN ALIVE?
ONE SIDE, GIRLIES! WE WANT HIM!
Y'BIG BULLIES!
WE'VE GOT HIM··· AND ALL IN ONE PIECE!
JUST THE WAY IMA BAGGIDGE WANTS HIM! WE'LL GET A BONUS!


THERE'S IMA EATING HER LITTLE HEART OUT NEAR HER SWIMMING POOL!
THE SIGHT OF CULLEN SARK WILL SEND WAVES OF JOY COURSING THROUGH HER BLOOD AGAIN!
WE'VE BROUGHT HIM TO YOU, O NOBLE STAR OF INNUMERABLE FOUR MILLION DOLLAR TECHNICOLOR PRODUCTIONS!
HOW PERFECTLY DEE-LIGHTFUL! YOU MAY RETIRE NOW AND LEAVE ME ALONE WITH MY CULLEN!
CULLEN, BABY, IT'S YOU... BATTERED AND BRUISED... BUT YOU! YOU'VE COME BACK TO ME!
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO COMPLAIN, BUT THIS IS NO TIME FOR IT!
WE'LL BE MARRIED AT ONCE!
BRING ON THE PREACHER! WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?
In another part of town....
AND SUCH A BODY! Y'SHOULDA SEEN IT! NO KIDDIN'!
AND YOU SAY THAT THE TWO MEN CARRIED MR. SARK OFF BODILY?
IT'S AS PLAIN AS CAN BE! IMA BAGGIDGE'S AGENTS FOUND SARK AND HAVE BROUGHT HIM TO IMA! WE'VE GOT TO REPORT TO URA NUTHER AT ONCE AND PRAY THAT WE CAN ARRIVE IN TIME TO STOP THE INEVITABLE WEDDING!
LEAVE US MAKE HASTE QUICKLY!


WE DID OUR BEST, URA NUTHER, O MAGNIFICENT STAR OF FIVE SIX-MILLION-DOLLAR DOUBLE TECHNICOLOR PRODUCTIONS, BUT CULLEN'S GONE AND IMA BAGGIDGE HAS GOT HIM!
MY CHARIOT! THERE SHALL BE NO WEDDING UNLESS I AM THE BRIDE!
Back at Ima Baggidge's estate....
YOU ARRANGED EVERYTHING SO QUICKLY, IMA! I DIDN'T EVEN GET MY PARENTS' CONSENT!
QUICKLY? TEN MINUTES IS A LONG TIME FOR DISGUSTO PRODUCTIONS TO TAKE IN ARRANGING A SIMPLE THING LIKE A WEDDING! WHY--- THEY GOT ME MY LAST DIVORCE IN FOUR SECONDS FLAT!
BEFORE WE GO ANY FURTHER, IF THERE IS ANYBODY WHO HAS ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN IMA BAGGIDGE AND CULLEN SARK, LET HIM NOW SPEAK OR...
I'VE GOT OBJECTIONS! WANNA HEAR 'EM?
I THOUGHT SO!
TRYING TO MARRY HIM BEHIND MY BACK, EH? YOU SNAKE-EYED, ANTIQUATED EXCUSE FOR A MOVIE EXTRA! I'LL SHOW YOU!
YOU WILL, HUH? LISTEN, YOU ESCAPED CAR HOP--- FOR THIS I'M GONNA MAKE HAMBURGER OUT OF YOU AND FEED YOU TO MY STUDIO'S FAVORITE LION!
HMM! SEEMS THE OTHER LADY'D LIKE TO MARRY ME, TOO! IT'D BE TOUGH IF I HAD TO MAKE THE CHOICE BETWEEN THEM!
SUCH A LOVELY WEDDING!
SO MUCH MORE CHARMINGLY PRIMITIVE THAN IMA'S THIRD WEDDING! SHE AND HER RIVAL FOUGHT WITH SABERS AT THAT ONE!
SLAP! CRASH! BANG! SOCK!
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And in the witch's lair...
GRAPES! GRAPES! AIN'TCHA GOT ANYTHING ELSE?
SURE, DEARIE, BUT YOU HAVEN'T ASKED ME!
FLASH...
THIS IS AN ON-THE-SCENE DESCRIPTION OF THE SARK-BAGGIDGE WEDDING! IMA BAGGIDGE AND URA NUTHER ARE NOW PULLING AT EACH OTHER'S LAST SIX HAIRS! STRANGELY ENOUGH, CULLEN SARK IS MERELY STANDING BY WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING!
NO! NO! THAT'S TOO MUCH! I CAN'T PERMIT IT!
WHAT'S WRONG, DUCKY? YOU'RE WELL OUT OF IT!
BUT IT'S THE WORST KIND OF PUBLICITY! THERE'S A FIGHT! I... OR MY DOUBLE... SHOULD BE DOING SOMETHING! THE PUBLIC EXPECTS IT OF ME! I'M KNOWN AS THE MAN OF ACTION! YOU MUST DO SOMETHING!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL MAKE THAT YAHOO WHO'S PINCH-HITTING FOR YOU LOOK LIKE HIMSELF AND THEN YOU WON'T GET THE BAD PUBLICITY!
YOU'RE ON THE BEAM, MADAME SCRUD!
After a mad dash to the wedding scene...
THERE! A SHOT OF PARAGUS FRISS IN THE YUPA BONE AND HE STANDS REVEALED AS HIS TRUE SELF!
AN IMPOSTER!
A FRAUD! THAT AIN'T THE MAN I WAS LOSING MY HAIR FOR!
BUT, LADIES, I'M NOT AN IMPOSTER! I'M WOOZY WINKS AND JUST AS DESIRABLE AS I EVER WAS!
SUCH A LOVELY WEDDING SET, MADAME SCRUDD! I'M TOUCHED BY WHAT I SEE! I CAN'T RESIST SO STUPENDOUS A PRODUCTION! MAKE ME MYSELF AND LET ME GET MARRIED TO SOMEBODY!
WHAT? AND FACE ALL THE COMPETITION? YOU'RE MINE, CUPCAKE... AND AS YOU ARE!
OH-M-MM!
WHAT AN AMAZING RESEMBLANCE HE BEARS TO THE BEAST IMA AND URA ALMOST MARRIED!

THE FAT MAN

WOOZY looked at the ferris wheel with a pang of longing. He had always loved carnivals. Now here he was at a carnival, but there wasn't a chance to enjoy any of the rides. He had to tail the Fat Man!

The Fat Man was idling near the shooting gallery. He was fat indeed, weighing nearly three hundred pounds. He smoked a fat cigar, and kept his fat-shrouded eyes swiveling this way and that.

"I know he knows I'm on his tail," said Woozy to himself. "And I don't like him knowin' that at all. I don't like the Fat Man."

Woozy saw the lean figure of Plastic Man in the crowd, and they exchanged a brief signal.

Five minutes elapsed. Woozy missed the Fat Man suddenly. No, there he was, again leaning against the shooting gallery counter. He was munching a hot dog.

Plastic Man came up behind Woozy and said, "You keeping the Fat Man in tow?"

"You betcha, Plas," said Woozy "Got him pegged."

"Stick with him, Woozy Go anywhere he goes. Don't lose him."

Woozy nodded without looking at Plastic Man. He had learned that trick long ago, under the careful tutelage of Plas.

The Fat Man moved off, and Woozy fell in behind him. The Fat Man could weave through crowds even better than a thin man. This fact bothered Woozy some. Woozy wasn't exactly a slender fellow; he always had trouble getting through crowds. But he meant to stick to Fatty, regardless.

The Fat Man wobbled away from the carnival grounds and climbed into a taxi. Woozy immediately waved to another cab and climbed.

"Keep that hack in sight, but not too close," Woozy ordered the driver. The Fat Man's cab had rolled away fast.

The taxi ahead made good time for several miles, and gradually headed back toward the carnival grounds. It stopped in almost the same place where the Fat Man had boarded it.

Woozy watched, but no one got out of the cab. "Say," said Woozy to himself, "am I crazy? The Fat Man ain't in there at all!"

Woozy got out and paid his cabby. He had turned toward the carnival when he heard a soft chuckle. He whirled around. The Fat Man stood near him. His moon face was wreathed in a huge grin.

"Had a long ride for nothing, didn't you, dopey?" he chuckled.

"Wh—how—" Woozy mumbled, looking dopey.

"Little trick I learned years ago," said the Fat Man. "Get into a cab on one side and get out on the other. Fools people."

Woozy felt like a fool. "It sure fooled me," he said. "How come you can do it, Fat Man?"

"Wanted to make sure you were on my trail. Come on and I'll buy you a hamburger." The Fat Man waddled toward the concessions. Woozy followed

"What are you tailing me for?" the Fat Man asked

"Because I'm supposed to."

"Oh," said the Fat Man. "I suppose Plastic Man ordered that, huh?"

"Do you—"

"Sure," chuckled the Fat Man. "I know Plastic Man. Long, lean rubbery chap."

Woozy nodded dumbly. "I dunno why I'm followin' you, Fat Man," he said.

"I do," said the Fat Man. "But you're so dopey it won't do you any good."

Woozy bristled. "Who's dopey?" he demanded.

"You. And here's something else: I'm going to give you the slip pretty soon, wooden-head!"

The Fat Man turned and ducked into the crowd. Woozy had a bad time keeping up with him. Then he lost him altogether. Woozy got into a panic. Plas would raise Ned if the Fat Man got away.

"Ah," said Woozy, as the Fat Man bobbed

up once more. He was heading toward the shooting gallery again. Woozy almost caught up with him, so eager was he to keep him in sight. The Fat Man turned and grinned at Woozy.

"Gave you the slip there for an instant, didn't I?"

"A few seconds is all," said Woozy. "You can't give me the slip!"

The Fat Man nodded. "We'll see. We'll see." He ordered another hot dog.

Woozy stationed himself not ten feet away from the Fat Man. Maybe the big dope had got out of sight for a moment before, but he wouldn't again.

The Fat Man finished his sandwich and looked at Woozy. "Did you know that I was a magician?" he asked Woozy

Woozy shook his head. He didn't believe it.

"Look," said the Fat Man pointing toward the street. "There I go!"

Woozy turned his head and caught sight of The Fat Man getting into a cab. He yelled, began running toward the taxi. It scooted away from the curb. He signalled wildly for another cab. It was slow in coming up.

He heard a low laugh. He whirled around.

There stood the Fat Man, quaking with unholy mirth.

"Did it again!" laughed the Fat Man. "Oh, this is rich!"

"Ya mean ya—I don't get it. You got into a cab!" Woozy's mouth was gaping.

"Sure," replied the Fat Man. "I'm a magician, remember?"

Woozy wasn't feeling so well. He knew very well that the Fat Man couldn't have pulled the same trick this time. And yet. . . .

"Come on, and I'll buy you a hot dog," invited the Fat Man, strolling away.

Yes, Woozy's head was whirling. He wished Plastic Man would show up. Maybe this Fat Man *was* a magician! Maybe he could hypnotize people!

Woozy refused the sandwich. He wasn't hungry. He was afraid to take his eyes off the Fat Man even for a instant. The Fat Man was enjoying it.

"Know what I could do to you?" the Fat Man asked suddenly, making his small eyes like gimlet points. "I could put a spell on you—make you turn into a horse, or an elephant."

"No!" gasped Woozy. "You couldn't—you wouldn't dare."

The Fat Man chuckled. "Which do you mean, lame brain?" he asked. "Couldn't, or wouln't? But I could, and I would. Look!"

The Fat Man made some fluttery motions with his hands. Woozy quickly closed his eyes, but only for an instant. Then he tore them open. The Fat Man was gone!

Woozy looked everywhere. The crowds were thinning now; it was getting toward dinner time. But Woozy couldn't see the Fat Man. Then he heard him laugh. Woozy turned like he was on a pivot. There stood the Fat Man!

"Now do you believe me?" he asked softly.

Woozy nodded, his eyes wide. He was suddenly very frightened of this Fat Man.

It was then that the noise broke out. Cops came running through the crowd, people yelled, the owner of the carnival shouted murder. The Fat Man turned quickly, searching the crowd with his eyes.

Plastic Man was coming toward Woozy, a look of craft on his face. Two detectives were with him. They were leading the Fat Man!

But no! Woozy looked hard. The Fat Man was standing there at the side of the shooting gallery! He looked a bit pale as he took in the other Fat Man. Woozy felt dizzy. This couldn't be; yet there it was.

Plastic Man came up and grinned at Woozy.

"Good job," he said. "I see you kept the Fat Man covered."

Woozy pointed to the other fat man. "B-but I don't get it," he said.

"Two of 'em," Plastic Man said. "You see, I caught this one the detectives have, in a cab trying to make a getaway. Only the loot wasn't on him."

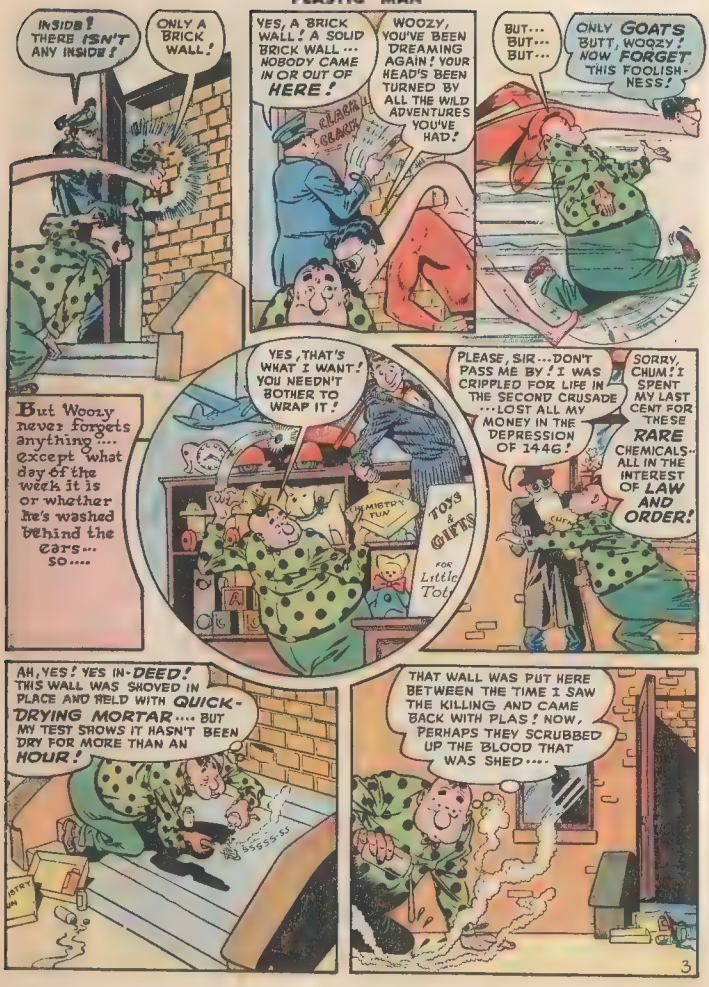
"Loot?" said Woozy.

"Yeah. You see, Woozy, one of these fat men stuck up the carnival owner and robbed his safe—more than $50,000. . . . Look out!" yelled Plastic Man. His arm shot out fully twenty feet, snagging the Fat Man Woozy had been watching.

"No you don't, Fat Man," said Plastic Man. "You're the one that did the robbery. You have the money on you. Take him, boys!"

PLASTIC MAN
AS PROSECUTOR, I CHARGE THIS MAN WITH TERRIBLE CRIMES!
WE, THE JURY, FIND THE PRISONER GUILTY!
AND AS JUDGE, I'LL SENTENCE HIM!
DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE OR I'LL CLOUT YOU!
HEY! COULDN'T I BE IN THIS SOMEWHERE?
BAM
PLASTIC MAN finds, convicts, arrests and brings to justice the most hardened and dangerous criminals known to criminology!
LEST WE FORGET... this is Woozy Winks, who THINKS he's a help to Plastic Man!

Had Woozy Winks chosen some other street for his walk... but he didn't...
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR PROMISES AND EXCUSES! YOU'RE SWINDLING ME... AND I'M GOING TO CALL ON THE POLICE!
YOU DARE? NO...NO! OHHHH!
MY, MY, MY!
RAT-TAT-TAA-TAT!
THIS... IS...THE END!
PLAS! PLAS! HELP! PLASTIC MAN!
WHAT ARE YOU YAMMERING ABOUT, WOOZY? I'M BUSY!
SO WERE SOME GUNS BACK YONDER! I SAW A MAN SHOT DOWN RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!
RIGHT HERE HE IS... WHUP! HE'S GONE!
WHAT'S THE FUSS? WHO'S GONE? WHY? WHERE? HOW?
MURDERED MAN, YOU SAY? BUT THERE'S NOTHING HERE! NO BLOOD! NOT EVEN AN X TO MARK THE SPOT WHERE THE DEED WAS COMMITTED!
THEY FIRED AT HIM FROM THIS DOOR! MAYBE THEY DRAGGED HIM INSIDE!


INSIDE! THERE ISN'T ANY INSIDE!
ONLY A BRICK WALL!
YES, A BRICK WALL! A SOLID BRICK WALL... NOBODY CAME IN OR OUT OF HERE!
CLACK CLACK
WOOZY, YOU'VE BEEN DREAMING AGAIN! YOUR HEAD'S BEEN TURNED BY ALL THE WILD ADVENTURES YOU'VE HAD!
BUT... BUT... BUT...
ONLY GOATS BUTT, WOOZY! NOW FORGET THIS FOOLISHNESS!
But Woozy never forgets anything.... except what day of the week it is or whether he's washed behind the ears... so....
YES, THAT'S WHAT I WANT! YOU NEEDN'T BOTHER TO WRAP IT!
MISTY'S TUN
TOYS & GIFTS FOR Little Tots
PLEASE, SIR... DON'T PASS ME BY! I WAS CRIPPLED FOR LIFE IN THE SECOND CRUSADE... LOST ALL MY MONEY IN THE DEPRESSION OF 1446!
SORRY, CHUM! I SPENT MY LAST CENT FOR THESE RARE CHEMICALS... ALL IN THE INTEREST OF LAW AND ORDER!
AH, YES! YES IN-DEED! THIS WALL WAS SHOVED IN PLACE AND HELD WITH QUICK-DRYING MORTAR.... BUT MY TEST SHOWS IT HASN'T BEEN DRY FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR!
SSSSSS
THAT WALL WAS PUT HERE BETWEEN THE TIME I SAW THE KILLING AND CAME BACK WITH PLAS! NOW, PERHAPS THEY SCRUBBED UP THE BLOOD THAT WAS SHED....

...BUT MY CHEMICALS SHOW A TRACE OF BLOOD! THERE WAS A SHOOTING HERE, AND I CAN PROVE IT!
THE WORLD WILL PRAISE ME! I'LL BE REWARDED... DECORATED... EVEN CROWNED!
DRAG HIM IN HERE!
KO
THAT SOCK FINISHED HIM! WE'LL DISPOSE OF HIS BODY ALONG WITH THE OTHER...
PLEASE, KIND GENTLEMEN!
YOU SOUND CHARITABLE! PLEASE HELP A POOR BLIND VICTIM OF THE ICE CREAM RIOTS OF 1555 ... HAVEN'T EATEN FOR AN HOUR...
GET OUT OF HERE, YOU OLD FAKER, OR I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK OFF AT THE KNEES!
IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO A POOR HELPLESS PANHANDLER?
YOW! IT'S PLASTIC MAN!
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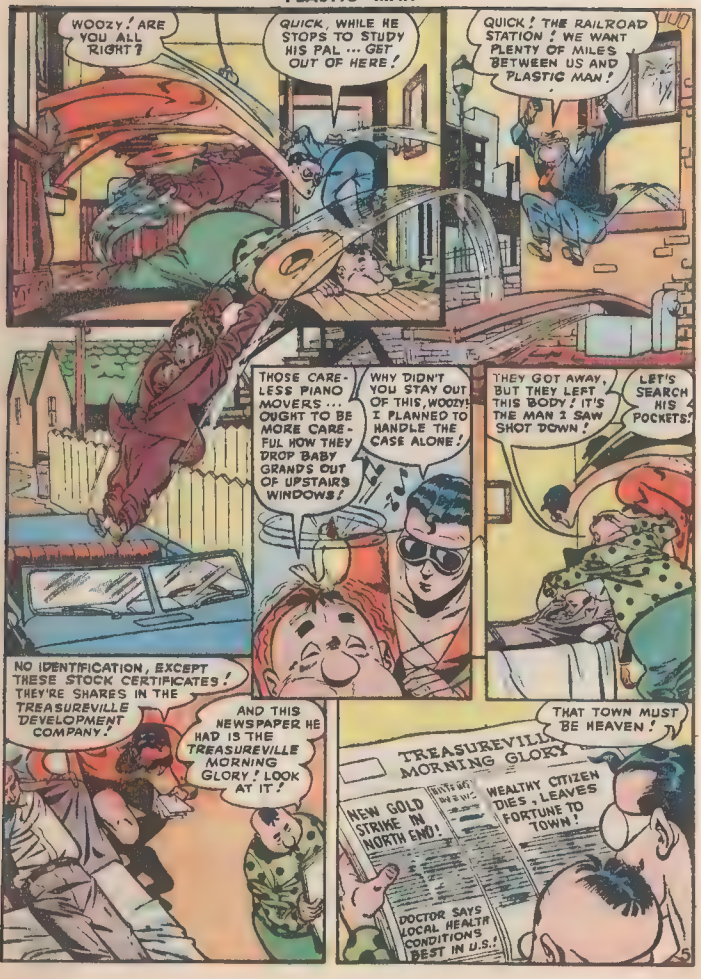
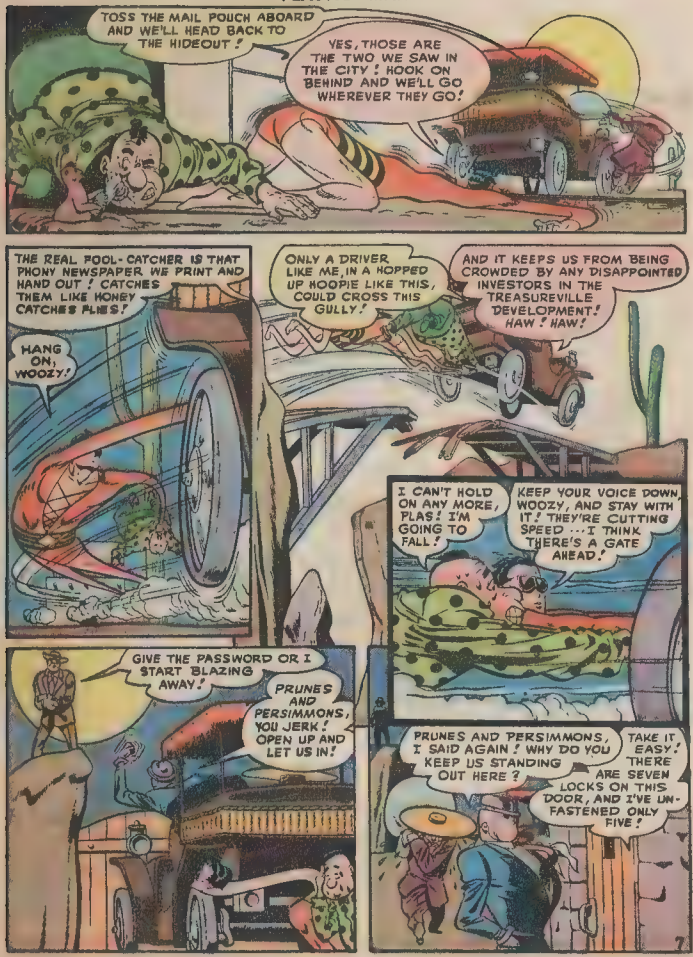
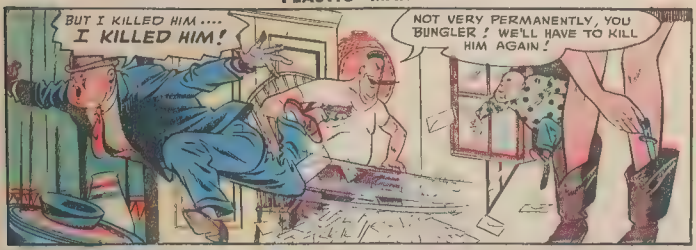

WOOZY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
QUICK, WHILE HE STOPS TO STUDY HIS PAL ... GET OUT OF HERE!
QUICK! THE RAILROAD STATION! WE WANT PLENTY OF MILES BETWEEN US AND PLASTIC MAN!
THOSE CARELESS PIANO MOVERS ... OUGHT TO BE MORE CAREFUL HOW THEY DROP BABY GRANDS OUT OF UPSTAIRS WINDOWS!
WHY DIDN'T YOU STAY OUT OF THIS, WOOZY! I PLANNED TO HANDLE THE CASE ALONE!
THEY GOT AWAY, BUT THEY LEFT THIS BODY! IT'S THE MAN I SAW SHOT DOWN!
LET'S SEARCH HIS POCKETS!
NO IDENTIFICATION, EXCEPT THESE STOCK CERTIFICATES! THEY'RE SHARES IN THE TREASUREVILLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY!
AND THIS NEWSPAPER HE HAD IS THE TREASUREVILLE MORNING GLORY! LOOK AT IT!
THAT TOWN MUST BE HEAVEN!
TREASUREVILLE MORNING GLORY
NEW GOLD STRIKE IN NORTH END!
WEALTHY CITIZEN DIES, LEAVES FORTUNE TO TOWN!
DOCTOR SAYS LOCAL HEALTH CONDITIONS BEST IN U.S.!

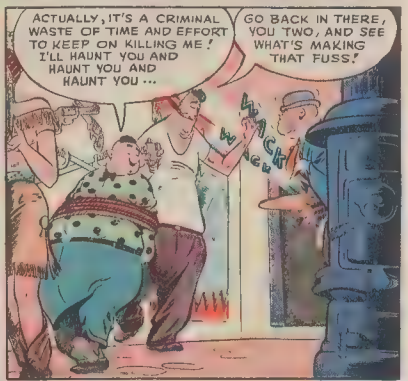
READ THESE ADS! "FREE TICKETS TO TOOTSIE GIRL SHOW... EAT FOR NOTHING AT GOLD PLATE CAFE... DIAMOND MINE SHARES 10 CENTS EACH!"
I MUST TELL THE POLICE TO COME GET THIS POOR DEAD MAN... THEN YOU AND I ARE TRAVELLING TO TREASUREVILLE!
That night...
GETTING OFF AT TREASUREVILLE, HUH? BUT WE DON'T STOP THERE.. JUST LET 'EM HOOK OFF THE MAIL BAGS AT MIDNIGHT!
IF THE MAIL STOPS THERE, SO DO WE!
I KNOW I STARTED THIS INVESTIGATION, PLAS, BUT DO WE HAVE TO BE SO RUGGED ABOUT IT?
STOP WHINING, WOOZY! IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT.. WE'LL BE AT OUR DESTINATION IN ANOTHER MOMENT!
YIPE!
QUIET, WOOZY! I'LL LET YOU LOOSE AND WE'LL LOOK AROUND!
IS THIS THE HEAVENLY TOWN OF TREASUREVILLE? NO HOUSES, NO RICHES, NOT EVEN CITIZENS!
WRONG THE LAST TIME, WOOZY! I HEAR SOMEBODY COMING! DUCK BEHIND THAT STATION SHACK!
MORE MAIL .. FULL OF DOUGH FROM SUCKERS WHO FELL FOR OUR LINE OF GAB IN THE BIG TOWN!
I KNOW THAT VOICE, WOOZY!


TOSS THE MAIL POUCH ABOARD AND WE'LL HEAD BACK TO THE HIDEOUT!
YES, THOSE ARE THE TWO WE SAW IN THE CITY! HOOK ON BEHIND AND WE'LL GO WHEREVER THEY GO!
THE REAL POOL-CATCHER IS THAT PHONY NEWSPAPER WE PRINT AND HAND OUT! CATCHES THEM LIKE HONEY CATCHES FLIES!
HANG ON, WOOZY!
ONLY A DRIVER LIKE ME, IN A HOPPED UP HOOPIE LIKE THIS, COULD CROSS THIS GULLY!
AND IT KEEPS US FROM BEING CROWDED BY ANY DISAPPOINTED INVESTORS IN THE TREASUREVILLE DEVELOPMENT! HAW! HAW!
I CAN'T HOLD ON ANY MORE, PLAS! I'M GOING TO FALL!
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN, WOOZY, AND STAY WITH IT! THEY'RE CUTTING SPEED ... I THINK THERE'S A GATE AHEAD!
GIVE THE PASSWORD OR I START BLAZING AWAY!
PRUNES AND PERSIMMONS, YOU JERK! OPEN UP AND LET US IN!
PRUNES AND PERSIMMONS, I SAID AGAIN! WHY DO YOU KEEP US STANDING OUT HERE?
TAKE IT EASY! THERE ARE SEVEN LOCKS ON THIS DOOR, AND I'VE UN-FASTENED ONLY FIVE!

THEY'VE GONE INSIDE! I HEAR THOSE LOCKS CLICKING SHUT AGAIN!
SNEAK UP AND WE'LL LOOK THROUGH THE WINDOW!
THE FIRST LETTER I PICKED UP HAS FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS IN IT FOR US!
WHAT A SWEET, PROFITABLE RACKET WE HAVE, BOTTLE!
THOUGH I'D KIND OF LIKE TO GO SOMEWHERE AND SPEND A LITTLE OF THIS LETTUCE!
WE OUGHT TO DO LIKE ANGELA SAYS, BOTTLE... CLOSE UP SHOP AND SPEND A WHILE INSTEAD OF HUNTING MORE SUCKERS!
ON OUR LAST SALES TRIP TO THE BIG TOWN, ONE SUCKER GOT WISE AND SQUAWKED! WE HAD TO BUMP HIM OFF!
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL WORK SOME OTHER CITY TILL THE HEAT'S OFF!
BUT PLASTIC MAN MESSED INTO IT! WE HAD TO KILL HIS PAL, TOO.. THAT LITTLE BALL OF FAT WITH THE GREEN SHIRT THEY CALL WOOZY!
YOU SEEM TO HAVE AN ENTRANCE CUE, WOOZY! THIS IS THE TIME TO DO WHAT I TOLD YOU!
DID YOU CALL ME, MISTER?
YEEEEOW!


BUT I KILLED HIM.... I KILLED HIM!
NOT VERY PERMANENTLY, YOU BUNGLER! WE'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM AGAIN!

BUT THE GENTLEMAN IS RIGHT! I'M DEAD... STONE COLD DEAD! AND DEAD FOLKS ALWAYS HAUNT WRONG-DOERS!
BEFORE WE MAKE SURE YOU'RE DEAD, LET'S TAKE YOU INTO THE NEXT ROOM AND HEAR YOUR SIDE OF THIS STORY!

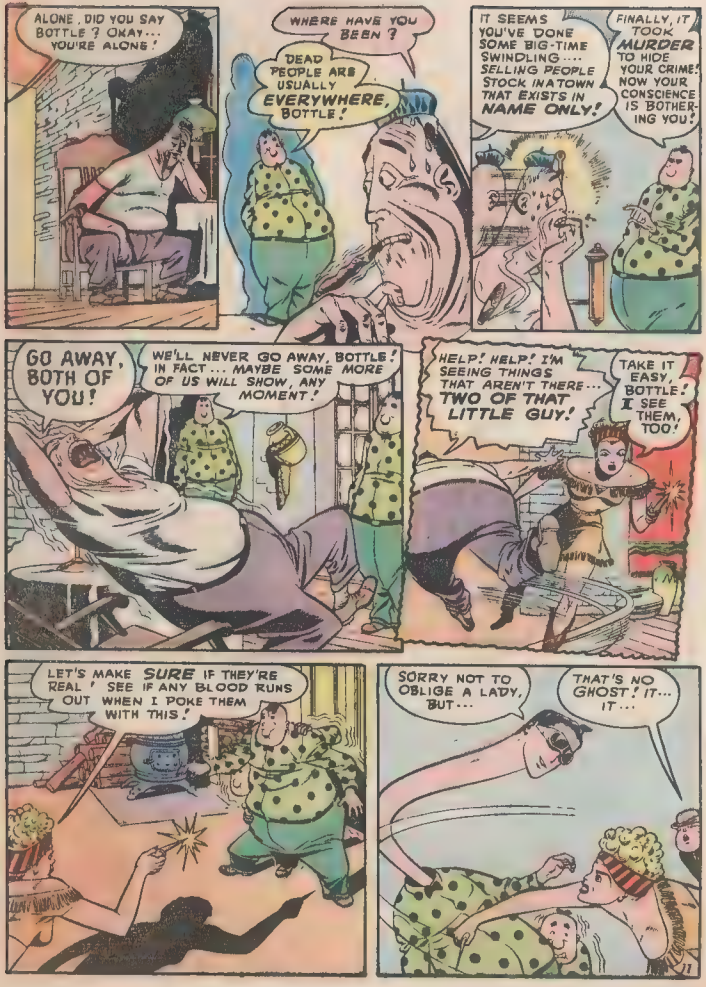

ACTUALLY, IT'S A CRIMINAL WASTE OF TIME AND EFFORT TO KEEP ON KILLING ME! I'LL HAUNT YOU AND HAUNT YOU AND HAUNT YOU...
GO BACK IN THERE, YOU TWO, AND SEE WHAT'S MAKING THAT FUSS!
WHACK

I PROTEST! YOU SAID YOU'D TAKE ME INTO THE NEXT ROOM AND YOU LEAVE ME HERE ALL ALONE!
GHAAA! IT'S HIM!

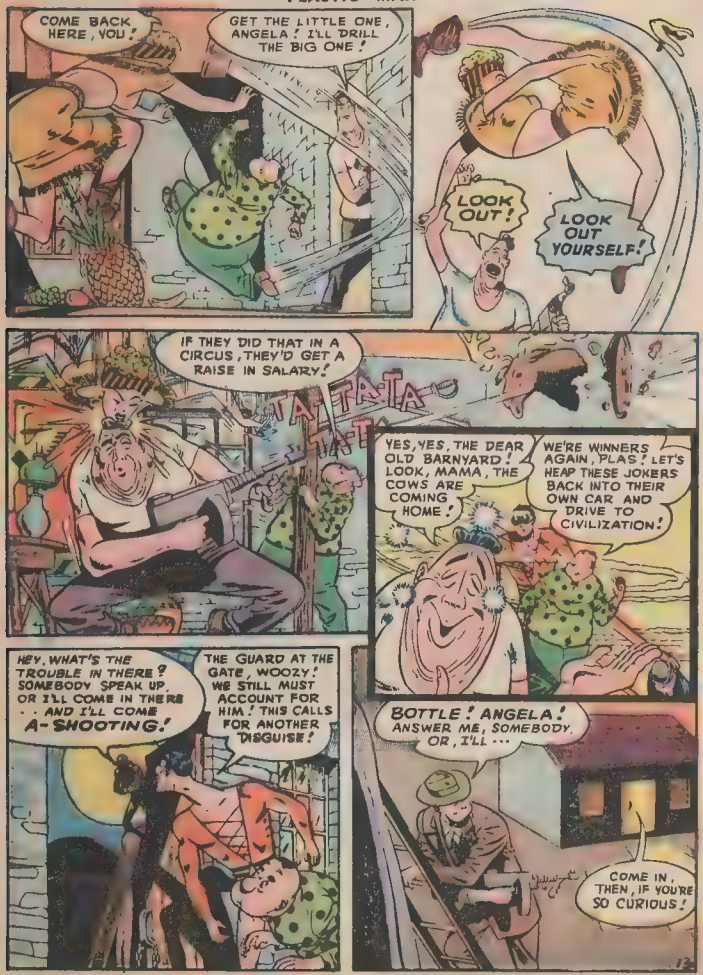
WHAT TERRIBLE GRAMMAR! YOU SHOULD SAY IT IS HE... THAT IS, IF YOU'RE QUITE SURE IT IS!
QUICK! GET THE RUG OVER HIM!

YOU'LL WEAR YOURSELVES OUT DOING THAT!
NOW HE CAN'T GET AWAY! REPORT BACK TO BOTTLE!
BANG
BANG

BOTTLE! THAT WOOZY GUY GOT OUT HERE! WE'VE CAUGHT HIM!
MY IMPERSONATION OF WOOZY IS ONE OF MY TRIUMPHS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU HALF-BRAINED HOODLUMS? WE'VE HAD HIM IN HERE ALL THE TIME!
THEN WHO'S THAT WE HAVE NAILED DOWN UNDER THE RUG?
SEE? HE'S STILL THERE!
YOU'D BETTER BE RIGHT! THAT RUG YOU STUCK FULL OF NAILS COST ME NINE HUNDRED SMACKERS!
PULL OUT THOSE NAILS! AND WHOEVER'S UNDERNEATH WE'LL CUT TO PIECES!
DON'T MAKE A SOUND, WOOZY! WE'LL HIDE UNDER THIS TABLE!
IF THIS IS A GAG, IT'S UNFUNNY! AND IF IT ISN'T A GAG...
I TOLD YOU ALL THE TIME WE HAD HIM IN THE NEXT ROOM! LET'S GO BACK!
WHAT'S YOUR THEORY
NOW I'M SEEING THINGS!
YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT SEEING THINGS... NOT WOOZY, ANYWAY!
WHAT'LL WE DO, BOTTLE?
CLEAR OUT, ALL OF YOU! I WANT TO THINK... ALONE!


ALONE, DID YOU SAY BOTTLE? OKAY... YOU'RE ALONE!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
DEAD PEOPLE ARE USUALLY EVERYWHERE, BOTTLE!
IT SEEMS YOU'VE DONE SOME BIG-TIME SWINDLING.... SELLING PEOPLE STOCK IN A TOWN THAT EXISTS IN NAME ONLY!
FINALLY, IT TOOK MURDER TO HIDE YOUR CRIME! NOW YOUR CONSCIENCE IS BOTHERING YOU!
GO AWAY, BOTH OF YOU!
WE'LL NEVER GO AWAY, BOTTLE! IN FACT... MAYBE SOME MORE OF US WILL SHOW, ANY MOMENT!
HELP! HELP! I'M SEEING THINGS THAT AREN'T THERE... TWO OF THAT LITTLE GUY!
TAKE IT EASY, BOTTLE! I SEE THEM, TOO!
LET'S MAKE SURE IF THEY'RE REAL! SEE IF ANY BLOOD RUNS OUT WHEN I POKE THEM WITH THIS!
SORRY NOT TO OBLIGE A LADY, BUT...
THAT'S NO GHOST! IT... IT...

IT'S PLASTIC MAN!
THAT'S WORSE THAN GHOSTS!
STICK AROUND AND DEFEND YOURSELVES! DOESN'T BOTTLE PAY YOU WELL?
NOT WELL ENOUGH FOR THIS KIND OF WORK!
YOU AREN'T A GHOST-- YOU AREN'T PLASTIC MAN! LETS OPEN YOU UP AND SEE WHAT YOU REALLY ARE!
PLEASE, LADY!
CLANK! CLANK! JUST LIKE THE ANVIL CHORUS!
YOU MISSED, BOTTLE! NO KEWPIE DOLL TONIGHT!
WHAT THE @%%#!!* !!***CAL !?!
OHHHH! WHAT YOU SAID!
CHOCK


COME BACK, HERE, YOU!
GET THE LITTLE ONE, ANGELA! I'LL DRILL THE BIG ONE!
LOOK OUT!
LOOK OUT YOURSELF!
IF THEY DID THAT IN A CIRCUS, THEY'D GET A RAISE IN SALARY!
TA-TA-TA
YES, YES, THE DEAR OLD BARNYARD! LOOK, MAMA, THE COWS ARE COMING HOME!
WE'RE WINNERS AGAIN, PLAS! LET'S HEAP THESE JOKERS BACK INTO THEIR OWN CAR AND DRIVE TO CIVILIZATION!
HEY, WHAT'S THE TROUBLE IN THERE? SOMEBODY SPEAK UP, OR I'LL COME IN THERE . . AND I'LL COME A-SHOOTING!
THE GUARD AT THE GATE, WOOZY! WE STILL MUST ACCOUNT FOR HIM! THIS CALLS FOR ANOTHER DISGUISE!
BOTTLE! ANGELA! ANSWER ME, SOMEBODY, OR, I'LL . . .
COME IN, THEN, IF YOU'RE SO CURIOUS!

I THOUGHT I HEARD FIGHTING ... SHOOTING ... YELLING !
WE HAD A LITTLE SQUABBLE OVER DIVIDING THE LATEST LOOT !
NOW GET BACK TO YOUR POST AND LEAVE US ALONE !
YOU LOOK LIKE BOTTLE ... BUT YOU DON'T SOUND LIKE BOTTLE ! YOU'RE SOME SORT OF PHONY DOUBLE !
GIVE ME THAT GUN !
HEY ! YOU ALMOST KILLED OUR PRISONERS ! POINT THAT THING THE OTHER WAY !
RAT-A-TAT
RR-RRIP
IT'S ALL OVER, WOOZY !
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT A MOMENT AGO ... ONLY I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER WITH ME !
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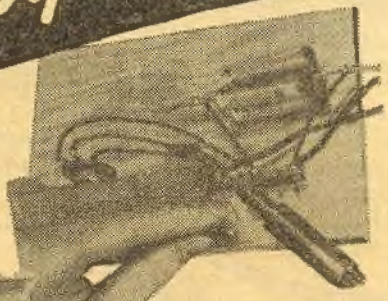

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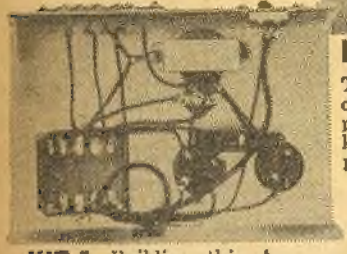

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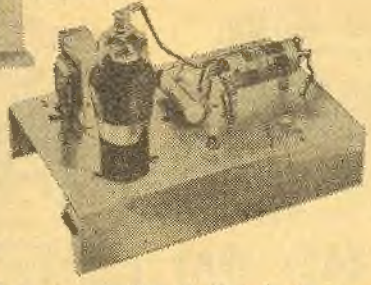

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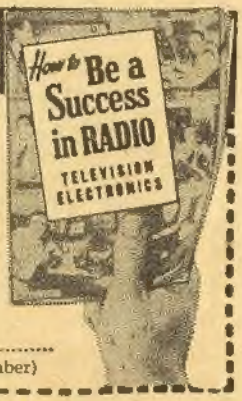

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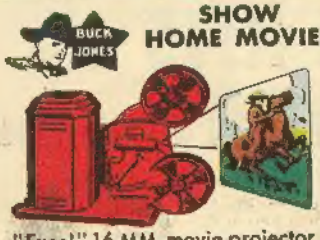

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